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BY

THE CLASS OF 1944-45

OF THE

GRIDLEY COMMUNITY

HIGH SCHOOL

GRIDLEY ILLINOIS

DEDICATION

We, the Senior Class of Gridley Community High School, dedicate this volume of the Pylon to good old G. C. H. S.

Our first high school was founded in 1892, on Woodford and Fourth streets (better known as Heiple's yard).

In 1906, the present building was built.

In 1919, the school became a fully recognized high school.

In 1936, Gridley High School became Gridley Community High School.

In 1937, the Home Ec. and Agricultural departments were formed.

Our Gymnasium was dedicated in December of 1940.

Today, we have a faculty of eight members, instead of a faculty of one as it was fifty-two years ago.

We Seniors hope that in some way we have helped to improve G.C.H.S., and that the next fifty-two years will show the improvements the last fifty-two have.

We regret our leaving your walls, but we are proud that we have graduated from a school with such an honorable record.

In

MEMORY

of

GARRETT LOY

Former Agricultural Instructor

of

Gridley Community High School

Who died in battle

October 20, 1944

on

New Guinea

FOREWARD

The Senior Class of 1945, in presenting this, the sixth issue of the Pylon, have tried to place in your hands an authentic history of facts and pictures of your life at G.C.H.S. for your future enjoyment.

ADMINISTRATION

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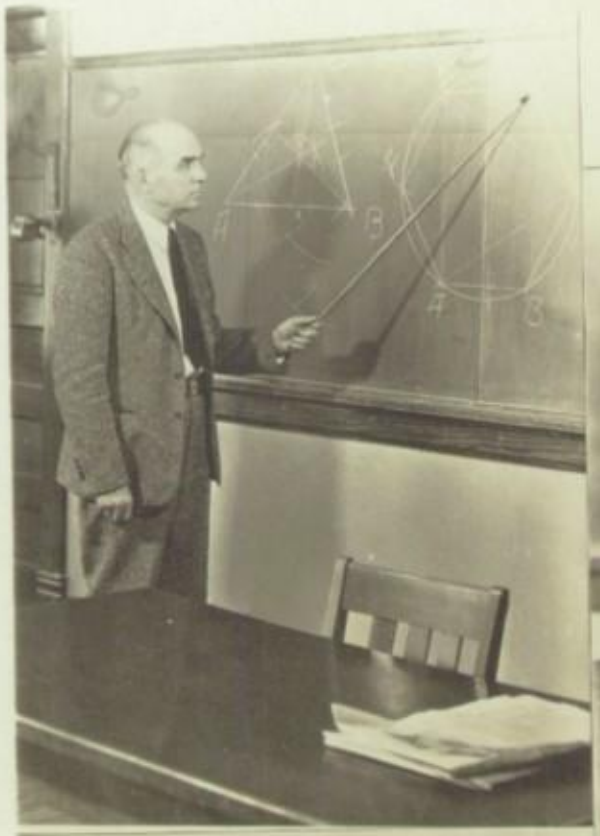
Our Board of Education and Principal have done an excellent job of furnishing the students of G.C.H.S. with the necessary materials and supervision for the best type of educational program obtainable under the present war conditions.

They have functioned smoothly as the governing body for our school, and deserve the thanks of the tax payers of district 410.

Both the student body and faculty take this opportunity to express our thanks to them.



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Mr. Satterfield

Miss Hepperly

Miss Ferrell

Mr. Towner

Mr. Carritt

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Graduate work at Chicago University
Social Science
General Science
Sponsor of Senior Class

Violette Gramm
Gridley, Illinois
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CLASS
SENIOR

J. Murray

C. Slasell

C. Klopfenstein

B. Heiple

B. Hoobler

V. Rich

W. Fenton

T. Kaufman

L. Ellenberger

N. Funk

C. Hodel

J. McCullough

J. Cornwell

R. Whisman

J. Flesher

K. Gerig

J. Schlipf

E. Bertsche

C. Dodson

R. Klopfenstein

R. Kearney

R. Gramm

Evan Bertoche

Evan will use his singing talents to serenade a certain person in Michigan.

Class Treas. 4
Pylon 3,4
Gridlite 3,4 Bus. Man. 4
Student Council 3,4 Treas. 3,4
Pep Club 3
Speech 4 County 4
Band 3,4
Chorus 1,3 County 3

Jane Cornell

Jane has refused offers to become editor of many leading newspapers. She prefers to stick to the Gridlite.

Pylon 3,4 Bus. Man. 4
Gridlite 1,2,3,4 Ed. 4
Student Council 3
Pep Club 3,4
F.H.A. 1
G.A.A. 1,2,3,4 Sec. 2 Pres. 4
Speech 1,3 County 3 Dis. 3
Chorus 1,2,3,4 County 1,2,3,4
Band 1,2,3,4
Librarian 3,4
"Curses the Villian is Fioled" 1
"The White Phantom" 2
"Health, Wealth, and Romance" 3
"The Death Bird" 4
Scholarship 3
Citizenship 3

Charlotte Dodson

Charlotte D. very deservingly won the D. A. R.

Pylon 2,3,4
Gridlite 2,3,4
Pep Club 4
F.H.A. 1,2
G.A.A. 1,2,3,4 Treas. 4
Chorus 1,2,3,4 County 1,3,4
Band 1
Librarian 4
"The Death Bird" 4
D. A. R. 4

Larry Ellenberger

Hollywood is beckoning, but our "Frankie" won't leave.

Pylon 4 Ass. Ed. 4
Gridlite 3
Student Council 3,4 V.P. 4
Pep Club 3,4
F.F.A. 4
Chorus 1,2,3
Band 1,2,3,4
Basketball 3,4
Track 4
"Health, Wealth, and Romance" 3
"The Death Bird" 4

Winifred Fenton

Winifred walks the path of life very carefully. She has had only one "slip" so far.

Pylon 4
Student Council 4 Sec. 4
Pep Club 4
F.H.A. 1,2,3,4
G.A.A. 1,2
Chorus 1,2,3,4 County 1,2,3,4
Librarian 3,4
"Pampered Darling" 1
"Health, Wealth, and Romance" 3
"The Death Bird" 4

Nelson Funk

Nelson is known as "shiftless." He never shifts out of high.

F.F.A. 1
"The Death Bird" 4

Kenneth Gerig

Kenny has been an officer of our class every year.

Class Treas. 1,2 Pres. 3 V.P. 4
Pylon 4
Gridlite 4
Student Council 3
Pep Club 3,4
F.F.A. 1,2,3 Rep. 2 Sec.3
Chorus 3 County 3

Track 2,3,4
Basketball Mgr. 4
"Those Were the Days" 2
"Health, Wealth, and Romance" 3

Robert Gramm

Bob G. is the most postered boy in High School.

Pep Club 3
F.F.A. 1,2,3,4 Watchdog 2,3
"The Death Bird" 4

Bobby Heiple

Is Bobby in the army? If not why does she wear a silver bar????

Pylon 4
Gridlite 4
Pep Club 3,4
F.H.A. 1,2,3,4 Treas.4
G.A.A. 1,2,3,4
Chorus 1,3 County 1,3
"White Phantom" 2
"Health, Wealth, and Romance" 3
"The Death Bird" 4

Charlotte Hodel

The Sealtest Program is trying to replace Joan Davis with Charlotte

Pep Club 3,4
F.H.A. 3
Chorus 1,2,3,4 County 1,2,3,4
"The Dealth Bird" 4

Bud Hoobler

Bud does his grandmother a great favor by bringing in the milk in the morning, when he arrives home.

V.P. 1,3 Pres. 4
Pylon 4
Gridlite 2,3,4
Student Council 3
Pep Club 3,4
Speech 3 County 3
Band 1,2,3,4
Baseball 2,3,4
Basketball 4
"Health, Wealth, and Romance" 3

Ty Kaufman

Ty's name was the most publicize name in the Senior class. Fro the "Yank" in France to San Dieg

Pres. 1,2
Pylon 3,4 Ed. 4
Gridlite 3,4
Student Council 3,4 V.P. 3 Pres.
Pep Club 3,4
Speech 3 County 3
Chorus 1,3 County 1,3
Band 1,2,3,4
Baseball 1,2,3,4
Basketball 2,3,4
Track 1,2,3,4
"Sauce for the Gosling" 1
"Health, Wealth, and Romance" 3
Activities Award 3
Scholarship 1,2,3

Robert Kearney

Bob K. picks P.E. as his favorit extra Curricular Activity.

Pylon 4
Pep Club 3,4
F.F.A. 1,3 V.P. 3
Track 4
"Pampered Darling"1

Carlton Klopfenstein

Carsh could have been a fat man and still could have seen hi feet.

V.P. 2 Sec. 3
Pylon 3,4
Gridlite 3,4
Pep Club 3,4
F.F.A. 4
Speech 2,3
Baseball 4
Basketball 4
Track 4

"Pampered Darling" 1
"The Death Bird" 4

Ralph Klopfenstein

On "fair" days Ralph can really run a half mile.

Pylon 3,4
Pep Club 3,4
F.F.A. 4
Chorus 3
Baseball 1,2,3,4
Basketball 2,3,4
Track 1,2,3,4
"Pampered Darling" 1
"The White Phantom" 2
"Health, Wealth, and Romance" 3
"The Death Bird" 4
Citizenship 3

Jeanne McCullough

Jeanne was the only girl in high school who received the 4th state award for G.A.A.

Trans. Pontiac 2
Class Soc. 2
Pylon 3,4
Gridlite 4
Pep Club 3,4 Pres.4
F.H.A. 2,3 Sec. 2
G.A.A. 2,3,4 Treas. 3
Chorus 2,3,4 County 2,3,4
Band 2,3,4
"Health, Wealth, and Romance" 3

Johnny Mungy

School Mystery! Does John have a permanent or is his hair naturally curly.

F.F.A. 1,2,3,4
Chorus 2
"The Death Bird" 4

Victor Rich

Vic was a villian in every high school play in which he took part.

Pylon 3,4
Pep Club 3,4
Chorus 3 County 3
Baseball 2,3,4
Basketball 2,3,4
Track 2,3,4
"Sauce for the Goslings" 1
"The White Phantom" 2
"Health, Wealth, and Romance" 3
"The Death Bird" 4

Jean Schlipf

Jean enjoys ball games, but her eyes aren't ever on the game.

Pep Club 4
F.H.A. 2,3,4
Chorus 1,2,3,4 County 1,2,3,4
"Health, Wealth, and Romance" 3

Catherine Slagell

Catherine goes steady during the school year, but in the summer---

Pylon 3,4
Student Council 3
Pep Club 3,4
G.A.A. 1,2,3,4
F.H.A. 1,2,3,4 Treas. 3
Chorus 1,3,4
"Those Were the Days" 2
Cheer Leader 4

Rosemary Whisman

Rosy gets double enjoyment from jokes, because she laughs once when the joke is told, out of politeness, and then again, when she catches on.

Treas. 3
Pylon 4
Student Council 3
Pep Club 3,4
F.H.A. 1,2,3
Chorus 3,4 County 3,4
"Those Were the Days" 2
"Health, Wealth, and Romance" 3

PHROPHECY OF THE CLASS OF "45"

I was given the job of phrophesying. As I wasn't born to be a prophet, I had spent the whole day in hard thinking and study. Now, worn and weary, I lay down and fell asleep.

I had lain there but a short time when I awoke refreshed and started down the street. However, I soon discovered I was in a strange place. It took me only a short time to realize I was in New York City. A very excited looking newsboy came by with the evening paper. Not having read a paper this day, I took one. Glancing over the headlines, I was startled to see in big black type - Admiral Kaufman Saves Ship and Thousands of Lives Through Calmness in Disaster. Turning to the society page, I again received a jolt when I read - Kenneth J. Gerig, Wall Streets' miserly multimillionaire takes bride from Brocklyn to his mansion in upstate New York.

Walking on and cramming the paper in my pocket, I came to a bunch of hysterical girls who were fighting for just one look at Larry Ellenberger, who is appearing at the Radio City Music Hall this week.

Tired from all my walking, I sat down on the steps of a church and again took out my paper to read more about the Kenneth J. Gerig wedding, when my eyes fell on this - Mrs. Fern McCullough announces the marriage of her daughter Jeanne to Victor Rich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rich of

Gridley, Illinois. Suddenly someone spoke my name and looking up, I was surprised to see Evan Bertsche ascending the steps. He informed me that he now held the pastorate of this church.

Turning again to my paper, I searched for the sports page. There I read about the greatest upset of the season. Coach Carlton Klopfenstein's Fighting Illini were victorious in the play-off for the National Collegiate Championship. The defeated the Mighty Depaul boys who are coached by the veteran mentor, Ralph Klopfenstein, by a score of 65 - 64.

Tired of sitting down, I walked aroud a while and who should I meet but Rosey Whisman, Jean Schlipf and Winifred Fenton. They told me they had secretarial positions for a large firm on Wall Street. They had just returned from the Indianapolis Races where they had seen John Murray and Nelson Funk barely escape death when their cars collided on a curve.I also learned that Charlotte Dodson had exhibited two paintings in a near by art gallery. While talking to them, a big, husky man grabbed my hand. Not being able to remember him, he told me he was Bud Hoobler, President of the Vita-Build vitamin company. Along with Bud was a high-school student who carried a Latin book. He said it was his favorite subject because he had such a splendid teacher, Prof. Robert Kearney.

Strolling along and looking at the sights, I was almost run over by a gang of kids. In the midst of these was Jane Cornwell. She had shocked all of her friends and acquaintances by getting married and setting out to have a record family. She must have been doing all right because I counted ten in the bunch. I learned from her that Charlotte Hodel had founded an orphanage in Cuba but the rumors are that she will return to take charge of the Bartonville Sanatarium. She said that Bobby Heiple, after having three unsuccesful marriages, was now engaged to the famed pilot, Bob Gramm. Bob now holds the D.S.C., D.F.C., and O.P.U.

I was told that Catherine Slagell is now in France putting the finishing touches on her modeling carreer. She was seen on the "Look" last week and has been nominated for "National Pin Up Girl Of 1950."

Thus I have seen all of the famous class of "45" in my dreams, but now I'm awake and I still don't know what to do about this darned prophecy.

SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

1941-42

Thirty hobbydehoys arrived at the wigwiam of G.C.H.S. The head chief was Miss Habben. Kaufman, Hoobler, Cornwell and Gerig were chosen as class officers.

Northcutt and George Murry left our hunting grounds in mid season. Papoose Cleary arrived between moons.

In our style show we showed our beautiful "dear" skins. We were initiated into the tribe at G.C.H.S. by the Sophomore Class. Imthurn, Bleek, and Hoobler are not planning to return next year.

1942-43

Twenty-eight Indian's arrived for the hunting season of our Sophomore year. Under the brave leadership of warrior Satterfield we gained the reputation of being socially mended by our many parties. We gained two redskins, Hoobler and McCullough but we lost five braves, Robert Miller, Harold Miller, Leo Pfister, Tom Cleary and June Gardner. This year the class was guided by Kaufman, Carlton Klopfenstein, McCullough and Gerig.

1943-44

Twenty-three brave Indians survived the vacation and showed up at G.C.H.S. in September. Chief Hill held us under his wings and we won the good conduct contest. What a surprise!

On May 13 we entertained the Senior tribe at the Rogers Hotel in Bloomington. All the pale faces were dressed in their best Indian garbs. Duane Schrock paddeled his canoe to Eureka High and finished the year there. Lyle Zehr decided not to finish the season so he helped on the farm.

1944-45

Twenty-three redskins arrived at G.C.H.S. tepee for their last year. We are the "heap big chiefs" of our camping ground now, except for the papooses in the kindergarden department of Social Problems.

Mr. Towner supervised our tribe of sophisticated redskins this year, and the class leaders were Bud Hoobler, Kenneth Gerig and Evan Bertsche.

We have many outstanding athletes among our warriors, namely: Ralph Klopfenstein, Ty Kaufman, Vic Rich, Carlton Klopfenstein, Larry Ellenberger, and Bud Hoobler. The girls also were stars in the field of athletics. They won the soccer, basketball, and volley ball championship. They took third place in the baseball tournament. One of our slim little squaws, Catherins Slagell was chosen as Cheer Leader.

Our most outstanding warrior in the field of books was Ty Kaufman, but following close behind was Jane Cornwell. Charlotte Dodson was selected as the D.A.R. winner.

The draft board took one of our more silenter braves, Bill Helbling, in January. We gave a party in his honor in which he was injured when the sleigh capsized. All in all though we believe the party a success. We wish you have the best of luck, Bill. In March, Ty Kaufman and Vic Rich enlisted in the Navy. We all hope that they won't have to go until school is out.

We gave a very successful class play under the direction of Mr. Carritt. The Death Bird, was presented on November 10.

On May 26th, we were seen at Baccalureate. On May 28th, we marched down the aisle, an honor we had worked for the four years of our stay at Gridley High. We now enter a world altogether different from the one we have been accustomed too.

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THE CLASS OF 1945

We the graduating class of 1945, of the Community High School of Gridley, State of Illinois, assembled you together on this solemn occassion to listen to the last will and testament of said class, duly made out by said class.

We, the Class of 1945, having come to our last hours, and being in full possession of our faculties, feel it incumbent upon ourselves to say a few words to our heirs concerning the long years which we have passed together, more or less happily.

Our lives have been long and full of vicissitudes, yet we have often thought that the life which is full of "ups" and "downs" is the most enjoyable, because the contrasts between light and shade, made a varied existence which is attractive to every human being. We have seen some lives that rolled on with such perfect peacefullness and quiet, no startling upheavels, no changes of any kind, that it became wearisome just to behold them.

We have arranged to each one the peculiar property seeming best fitted to his or her needs.

To the classes who have been associated with us we leave our wonderful example as a modern class, may they imitate, but never equal us.

To next years' Senior Class, we leave a large supply of sympathy because its members will not be able to maintain our high standard of wit, wisdon, gush and gab.

We further want to be distinctly understood that is any one of the beneficiaries of this Will shall attempt to dispute or in any way change the items of this document, he of she must be immediately cut off entirely from any and all of its provisions.

Evan Bertsche wills his opossum grin to Roberta Kuerth.

Jane Cornwell wills her ability to answer English questions to Eleanor Rinkenberger.

Charlotte Dodson wills her artistic ability to Ruth Gramm.

Larry Ellenberger wills his swooning ability to Gene McKinley.

Winifred Fenton wills her ability to lure two Senior boys to Shirley Rich.

Junior Flesher wills his attendance record to Helen Schlipf.

Nelson Funk wills his driving ability to Kathleen Zimmerman.

Kenneth Gerig wills his ability to keep quiet and his bristly hair to James Ringger.

Robert Gramm wills his touchyness and his ability as a gardner to Howard Zehr.

Bobby Heiple wills some hypoatoposity to Lucille Kuntz.

Charlotte Hodel wills her slim figure to Marguerite Krones.

Bud Hoobler wills his size and controlled temper to Bill Hayes.

Ty Kaufman wills his shy and retiring ways to Joan Kuerth.

Robert Kearney wills his sailing ability to Herbert Gramm.

Carlton Klopfenstein wills his beard to Howard Lehman. (He shirley does.)

Ralph Klopfenstein wills his athletic ability to Paul Reeves.

Jeanne McCullough wills her ability to talk over the back-yard fence to Virginia King.

John Murray wills his physique to Floyd Meiss.

Victor Rich wills his ability to manufacture cars without running boards to Joe Ellenberger.

Jean Schlipf wills her ability to keep her gentlemen friends a secret to Marolen Kent.

Catherine Slagell wills her ability to go steady to Helen Rinkenberger and John Kahle.

Rosemary Whisman wills her ability to snag truck drivers to Ellen Rinkenberger.

The Senior Girls will their basketball championship to the Junior Girls.

CLASSES

Freshmen

Sophomore

Junior

JUNIOR CLASS

FRONT ROW:
Miss Hepperly, Betty Lou Shanebrook, Floyd Meiss, Herbert Gramm, John Kahle, Gene McKinley.
2nd ROW:
Ruth Gramm, Marguerite Krones, Maralon Kent, Helen Rinkenberger, Aldene Zimmerman, Eleanor Rinkenberger, Ellen Rinkenberger.
3rd ROW:
Lucille Kuntz, Shirley Rich, Virginia King, Helen Schlipf, Joan Kuerth, Roberta Kuerth, Kathleen Zimmerman.
4th ROW:
Howard Zehr, Joe Hayes, Kenneth Stahly, Howard Lehmann, Paul Reeves, Bill Hayes, James Ringger, Joe Ellenberger.

SOPHOMORE CLASS

FRONT ROW:
Harold McKinley, Ronald Ringger, Roger Kaufman, Everett Martin, John Diggle, Edson Kiefer, Mr. Hill.
2nd ROW:
June McCullough, Marie Jenson, Zelda Benedict, Valera Kemp, Patricia Ethington, Dean Mulligan, Sarah Funk, Stanley Hausor.
3rd ROW:
Lorraine Finck, Le Ann Roth, Donna Litwiller, Kathryn Miller, Wilma King, Joan Roth, Gerry Yergler, Kathleen Grusy.
4th ROW:
Don Fleming, Leo Reeves, Ernest Porzelius, Duane Guth, Wilbur Hasse, Donald Adams, Donald Kiefer, Terry Kearney.

FRESHMAN CLASS

FRONT ROW:
Mr. Satterfield, Gordan Clausen, Ralph Kahle, Lynn Klopfenstein, Emerson Guth, Lorraine Coyle, Alice Kantz.
2nd ROW:
Georgia Ann Freed, Marilyn Zehr, Jane Ellenberger, BettyRowley Shirley Hershe, Dorothy Klein, Delores Coyle.
3rd ROW:
Roger Helbling, Burdell Slagell, John Schlipf, Lloyd Dodson, Darwin Punke, Keith Phillis, John Lehmann, Russell Martin.

Junior Class History

In the fall of 1942, thirty three young papooses were introduced to Gridley High. We were there a very short time before being initiated by the sophomores. They compelled us to dress very silly during the day, but that night they gave us a wonderful party at the lake to regain our friendship.

The chiefs elected to lead the class were Bob McCain, Erlene Gerig, and Roberta Kuerth and Miss Obraskja as the Chief ruler. Two of our leaders joined another tribe, so we re-elected officers at midterm. They were Joe Ellenberger , Paul Reeves and Joan Kuerth.

During the course of the year four of our outstanding members left us. They were Bob McCain, Kenny Stahly, Alvin Rediger, and Erlene Gerig. Lois Bristow and Virginia King moved in to fill some of the vacancies.

1943-44

In September 1943, thirty two young warriors were present for roll call. The head warriors this year were Joe Ellenberger, Roberta Kuerth, and Bill Hayes. The chieftan was Miss Hepperly. Kenneth Stahly and Lois Bristow returned to the tribe during the year but Alice Mae Pfeffinger and Marie Breese left it. Alice went to Bloomington, and Marie Breese went to Chicago, both to find work.

Our class really fought this year. We brought in over a hundred pounds of fat for the drive, and we sold nearly twice our quota of magazine subscriptions. We also gave the freshmen a hard battle in the egg drive.

The class put on two one-act plays for a P.T.A. benefit. They were "Mother Walks Out" and "Everything's Reasonable."

1944-45

Our tribe started again this fall to find we had lost one of our members, Delmar Dawson. Miss Hepperly was again our chief overseer with Herbert Gramm, Floyd Meiss, John Kahle, and Betty Shanebrook as the class leaders.

We had great plans to aid the jack-pot of our class. A real successful one was selling hot-dogs at basketball games. We also sold Christmas cards. Our class play "Everything Happens To Us" was a comedy put on April 6. The characters were as follows:

John Arthur Ross, a chemist----------Floyd Meiss

Kitty Ross, his wife----------Joan Kuerth

Rhett, the oldest son----------John Kahle

Ronald, the middle son----------Herbert Gramm

Jay(Junior), the youngest son----------Joe Ellenberger

Gloria Thatcher, Jay's self-imposed fiancee---------Marguerite Krones

Martha Fay, the object of Ronald's affection----------Shirley Rich

Charley Duncan, a man-of-all-trades----------Paul Reeves

Josephine Cartwright, a spinster friend---------Lucille Kuntz

Ike Hicks, a know-it-all telephone employee------Jim Ringger

Esther Todd, the new maid----------Helen Rinkenberger

Iva Sorrell, a young real-estate woman---------Helen Schlipf

Sophomore Class History

1943-44

On September 3, 1943, 33 baffled freshmen were enrolled as members at G.C.H.S. We thought we knew all the in's and out's but after initiation we learned the up's and down's. Our pride was deflated quite a lot during the day but we were royally entertained by the Sophomores in the evening at the lake.

Our leaders for the year was Mr. Hill assisted by Miriam O'May, president, John Diggle, Vice-president, and Shirley Fink, Sec. and treasure. At the middle of the year, our class received a severe blow when Shirley Fink passed away. Sec. and Treasure for the remainder of the year was Donna Litwiller.

Our class was well represented in the school activities and sports.

1944-45

On September 4, the same class returned to scholastic labors for another year with the exception of Miriam O'May and Jack Bristow. During the course of the year Wilbur Haase left us making still another vacancy but Ernest Prozelius came and filled it.

Mr. Hill was again placed in charge of our class. Those who guided us this year were Everett Martin, President, John Diggle, vice-president, and Rogers Kaufman, sec, and treas.

A few weeks after school began, we gave the freshmen a thorough initiation after which we entertained them at the lake.

Our boys have made a good showing in the basketball, track, and baseball activities. Our girls took second place in the volley ball and basketball tournaments.

We hope that next year will be as successful as the preceding two have been.

Freshman Class History

Thirty freshman began their four years of education at G. C. H. S. Soon after we found our way around the sophomores initiated us. After a humiliating day, they escorted us to a party at the lake.

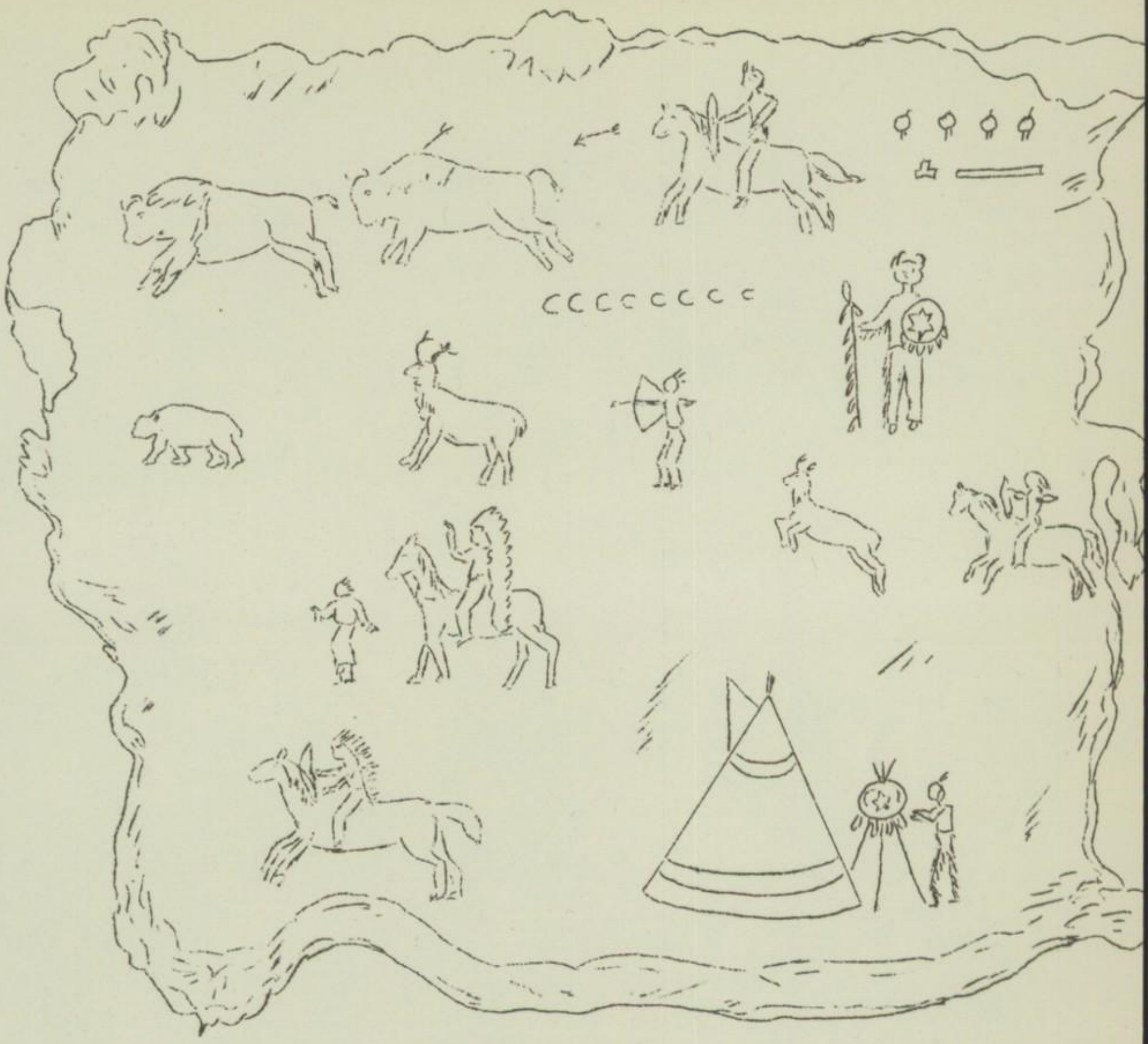
We elected Lynn Klopfenstein as president, Ralph Kahle as secretary, and Emerson Guth as treasure. We chose four representatives from our class for the student council. They were John Lehmann, Jane Ellenberger, Georgia Freed and Russell Martin. Jane Ellenberger was chosen from our class as cheerleader.

Donald Stalter was transfered to Flanagan High School. Willaim Wright joined our class from Pontiac High School.

In early December, Shirley Hershe had an appendicitis operation and did not come back to school till late in January.

The freshman class was well represented on the different athletic teams. Several of our boys appear to be up and coming track stars. The freshman girls aren't to be forgotten either. In gym classes they shined in basketball and baseball.

We have had a very enjoyable year as a whole, and we hope that the following years will be as profitable and as happy as this one has been.



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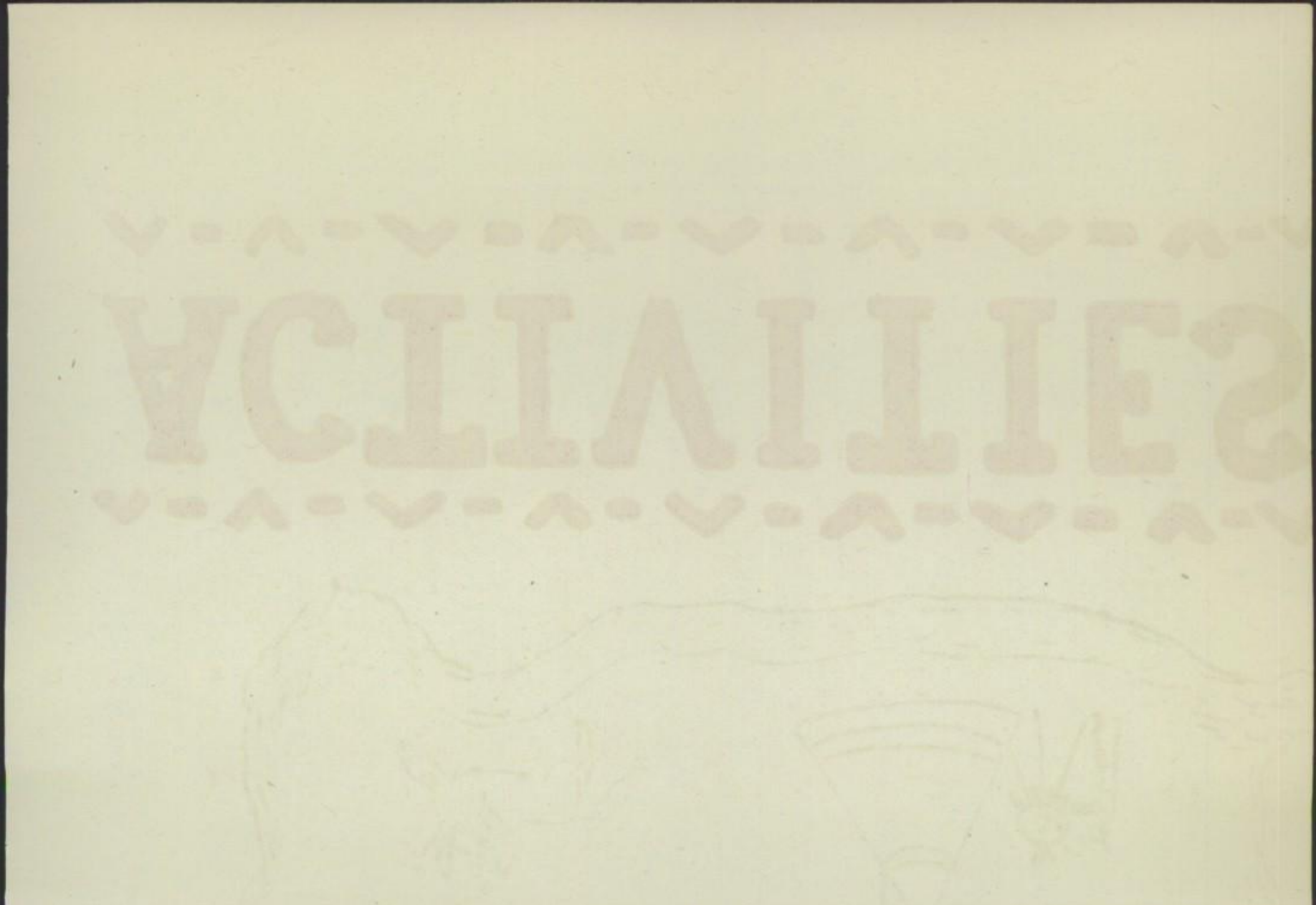

PYLON STAFF

SEATED:

Charlotte Dodson, Helen Schlipf, Ty Kaufman, Larry Ellenberger, Joe Ellenberger.

2nd ROW:

Mr. Towner, Advisor, Vic Rich, Jane Ellenberger, Joanne McCullough, Jane Cornwell, Winifred Fenton, Carlton Klopfenstein, Joan Kuerth, Rosemary Whisman, Bobby Heiple, Ralph Klopfenstein.

3rd ROW:

Bob Kearney, Bud Hoobler, Catherine Slagell, Roberta Kuerth, Donna Litwiller, Marguerite Krones, Lloyd Dodson, Herbert Gramm, Kenneth Gerig.

GRIDLITE STAFF

SEATED:

Georgia Freed, Kathleen Grusy, Jane Ellenberger, Marguerite Krones, Shirley Rich, Lynn Klopfenstein.

2nd ROW:

Miss Curtis, Advisor, Lloyd Dodson, Carlton Klopfenstein, Ty Kaufman, Bobby Heiple, Kenneth Gerig, Mr. Towner, Advisor.

3rd ROW:

Jeanne McCoullough, Kenneth Stahly, Jane Cornwell, Joan Kuerth, Charlotte Dodson

PYLON

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Through the efforts of a very efficient staff and the untiring assistance of Mr. Towner, the PYLON was published with much less financial trouble than in previous years. A Valentine Prom was held in benefit of the Phlon, and a large crowd enjoyed the dance. Maralon Kent was crowned queen, with Rosemary Whisman, Bobby Heiple, Helen Kinkenberger, Pat Ethington, Kathleen Grusy, Georgia Freed, and Jane Ellenberger as attendants. Two boys from each class were also elected to escort them. A very beautiful candlelight ceremony was held with Maralon being crowned with a wreath of roses.

Also a Goose Raffle was held to emburse the treasury.

The Staff wishes to thank the typing classes and the faculty for their assistance in publishing our yearbook.

It took a few issues to get into the swing of the things this year, but after the ball started rolling, we went along in fine shape.

Charlotte Dodson was the little lady with the war paint who decorated our paper. When in need of assistance, Lloyd Dodson was on hand to help.

Bobby Heiple, Marguerite Krones, Homer McCullough, and Jane Ellenberger were the people who pounded out the drums of gossip on our paper-talkie.

Carlton Klopfenstein was the warrior who kept up with the sport events and with his able assistant, Lynn Klopfenstein, kept us all posted on happenings in the sport world.

Evan Bertsche and Kenneth Stahly handled the financial matters.

The Class News was reported by Georgia Freed, Kathleen Grusy, Shirley Rich, Ty Kaufman and Kenneth Gerig.

All war-dances and society news were brought to us by Jeanne McCullough.

Jane Cornwell, editor, and Joan Kuerth, Assistant editor, thought of the varieties and saw that the regular features were carried out.

Miss Curtis was our heap-big-chief and directed us throughout the year.

"Peeking Around the Corner" brought war-whoops (or groans) from everyone, as did "Interesting Facts" in the "Limelight."

Typing II class typed the stencils and helped us out a great deal.

SENIOR PLAY CAST

SEATED:

Bobby Heiple, Charlotte Dodson, Winifred Fenton, Carlton Klopfenstein, Charlotte Hodel, Jane Cornwell.

STANDING:

Ralph Klopfenstein, Larry Ellenberger, Victor Rich, Nelson Funk, John Murry, Mr. Carritt-Cirector, Robert Gramm.

JUNIOR PLAY CAST

STANDING:

Gene McKinley, Herbert Gramm, Floyd Meiss, Jim Ringger, Helen Schlipf, Eleanor Rinkenberger, Marguerite Krones, Mr. Carritt, Director, Maralon Kent.

SEATED:

Shirley Rich, Lucille Kuntz, John Kahle, Roberta Kuerth, Paul Reeves, Joe Ellenberger, Joan Kuerth, Betty Lou Shanebrook.

STUDENT COUNCIL

SEATED:

Stanley Hauser, Mr. Towner, Adviser, Tyrus Kaufman, Mr. Shinpaugh, Adviser, Winifred Fenton, Larry Ellenberger, Sarah Funk.

STANDING:

John Lehmann, Jane Ellenberger, Joan Kuerth, Everett Martin Howard Lehmann, Floyd Meiss, Donna Litwiller, Herbert Gramm Georgia Freed, Russell Martin.

THE DEATH BIRD

On November 10th the Senior Class held the audience spellbound with mystery and suspense as the scenes of their play, "The Death Bird," unfolded.

Professor Thoreou (Carlton Klopfenstein) was preparing to abandon his career as a magician and devote his magical gifts to exposing fake crystal-gazers and prophets. This was the eve of his departure for a trip into the Orient. His party for a surprise. Margaret Caldwell (Winifred Fenton), his fiancee, Margaret's brother, Philip (Larry Ellenberger), Idabelle James (Bobby Heiple), a female detective, and her fiance, Jack Stevens (Victor Rich), a newspaperman and Thoreau's former publicity manager were all invited. Elvira Reed (Charlotte Hodel), Ada's niece, and Boru (Bill Helbling) Thoreau's African servant, were of course already there.

Before Thoreau's arrival Ada and her niece, Elvira, discovered by devious methods the history of the Death Bird. It seemed that Thoreau's had stolen it from Boru's tribe, betraying a sacred trust. The tribe would do almost anything to get it back. There was a curse on the bird and Boru was afraid for his master and himself. Thoreau was not afraid, however, he held that the curse was just a superstition and to prove his disbelief in all things supernatural he offered

a reward of $10,000 to anyone who could produce a supernatural effect that he himself could not reproduce by sheer trickery. Philip Caldwell held the stakes.

During the party, Thoreau was attacked and spirited away. Idabelle immediately set about solving the mystery and discovered that (1) Boru was afraid of the Death Bird, (2) Swami (Ralph Klopfenstein) was trying to get the Death Bird to return to his tribe, (3) Lili De Vere (Charlotte Dodson) was jealous of Margaret and declared that if she couldn't have Thoreau, no one would.

The threads finally unraveled, however, and Thoreau came back to life just in time to thwart Swami attempt to collect the $10,000 reward from Philip who has already spent the money to cover bad debts. Jack Stevens was proved to be the attempted murderer with revenge as his motive.

Comedy was supplied by Elvira's scariness and curiousity and Ada Reed's frequent trips into astrology.

The cast gave a great performance under the excellent direction of Mr. Carritt.

"EVERYTHING HAPPENS TO US"

On Friday, April 6, the Junior Class, presented the three-act comedy "Everything Happens To Us", under the direction of Mr. Carritt.

The cast was as follows:

John Arthur Ross----the experimenting father------Floyd Meiss
Kitty Ross--the mother, who runs the household---Joan Kuerth
Rhett Ross---------the cause of the events---------John Kahle
Ronald Ross---------who writes jokes----------Herbert Gramm
Jay Ross---who practices mental telepathy----Joe Ellenberger
Gloria Thatcher---Jay's willing subject----Marguerite Krones
Martha Fay----------Ronald's crush----------Shirley Rich
Josephine Cartwright----an elderly spinster----Lucille Kuntz
Charley Duncan----------an inventor----------Paul Reeves
Ike Hicks----------a telephone employee----------Jim Ringger
Iva Sorrel---------a real estate woman---------Helen Schlipf
Esther Todd------the mysterious maid------Helen Rinkenberger

The Ross family are excited because Rhett, their oldest son is going East to marry the daughter of a multi-millionaire who owns a string of ten-cent stores in which Rhett has been working. Mrs. Ross decided that their old home isn't sufficient for such a wealthy daughter-in-law, so she takes advantage of the Federal Housing Act to buy a new one, which she and her two younger sons try frantically to redecorate themselves before Rhett returns with his bride. Ronald and Jay prove little help, for their girl-friends are always hang-

ing around encouraging them in their hobbies. Ronald is continually telling Martha his corny jokes while Jay practices mental telephathy on Gloria. It seems that these two girls succeed in nothing but being in the way of Mrs. Ross. Then there is Miss Cartwright who is very fond of gossiping and has severe asthma. Charley Duncan installs a telephone and proceeds to get into trouble with Mr. Ross.

The new maid comes but seems extremely well-ingormed for a country girl. She rescues the family in financial matters in addition to re-decorating. Ike Hicks a know-it-all telephone employee and Iva Sorrel a sad, sarcastic real estate woman add to the confusion of getting moved in.

When the house is almost ready for the return of Rhett, he phones and informs the family that she isn't going to marry him anyway. The whole family father for Rhett's sad homecoming, but everyone is surprised when Esther Todd, the maid turns out to be Rhett's fiancee who is still very much in love with him.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The school adopted a new Constitution for the Student Council and by the provisions of it, the new members were elected.

At the first meeting nominations were made for officers and on the National voting date the following officers were elected: Ty Kaufman, President, Larry Ellenberger, Vice President, Winifred Fenton, Secretary, Evan Bertsche, Treasurer. The school also elected Dewey over Roosevelt by ten votes. The council elected Mr. Towner as their advisor.

We began our activities by having the Farm Shop boys build wooden standards to raise the trophies in the Trophy cases.

On November 22, we sponsored the first all school party of the year. A pot luck supper was served, followed by games of bingo, with real Hershey bars as prizes. Mr. Carritt directed a grand march and then we ended by ballroom dancing.

We did our part in the Six War Loan by getting pledges for bonds. The whole school helped, and we ammassed over $6,000 worth of pledges, which was enough to buy an ambulance, a liason plane, and a jeep.

To start the new year right, we reimbursed our treasury by selling magazine subscriptions for Curtis Publishing Co.

It seemed as though the seating capacity of the gym was insufficient so the student council ordered bleachers for the stage. We again called on the Farm Shop boys and they readily erected them.

For the library, we ordered three newspapers namely, the Chicago Tribune, The Pantagraph, and the Gridley Advance. Also ordered, but which will not arrive until next fall were Life, Look, Coronet, Reader's Digest, and Omnibook.

The number of graduates in the service of our country was checked and found to be 76. The number on our service flag was then raised from the former number of 49.

A Spring Prom was held on March 23, with music being furnished by Toby Davidson and his orchestra. A large crowd spent a very enjoyable eneving in the beautifully decorated green and white gymnasium.

On Tuesday April 10, the election was held for next year's representatives.

This year's Student Council has shown a great deal of progress and we hope that the next year's council will carry on where we left off. Best of Luck!

FUTURE FARMERS of AMERICA

FRONT ROW:
Dean Mulligan, Gene McKinley, Herbert Gramm, Floyd Meiss, Paul Reeves, Bill Hayes, Mr. Satterfield.
2nd ROW:
Stanley Hauser, Gordon Clausen, John Lehmann, Burdell Slagell Howard Zehr, Harold McKinley, Emmerson Guth, Ralph Kahle.
3rd ROW:
Terry Kearney, Donald Adams, Donald Keifer, Robert Gramm, Joe Hayes, Ronald Ringger, Ernest Porzelius, Keith Phillis.
4th ROW:
Howard Lehmann, Darwin Punke, John Schlipf, Ralph Klopfenstein, Carlton Klopfenstein, Larry Ellenberger, Wilber Haase, John Murry, Duane Guth.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

FRONT ROW:
Betty Shanebrook, Bobby Heiple, Shirley Rich, Miss Hepperly, Sarah Funk, Kathleen Grusy, Marguerite Krones, Ruth Gramm.
2nd ROW:
Ellen Rinkenberger, Lorraine Coyle, Georgia Freed, Marilyn Zehr, Delores Coyle, Marie Jense, Alice Kantz.
3rd ROW:
Zelda Benedict, Marelon Kent, Shirley Hershe, Aldene Zimmerman, Helen Rinkenberger, Jane Ellenberger, Eleanor Rinkenberger, Dorothy Klein.
4th ROW:
Winifred Fenton, Lorraine Finck, Jean Schlipf, Gerry Yergler, Catherine Slagell, Patricia Ethington, Valera Kemp, Kathleen Zimmerman.
5th ROW:
Thelma Hibbs, Roberta Kuerth, Jean Roth, Virginia King, Helen Schlipf, Wilma King, Katherine Miller, Lucille Kuntz, Betty Rowley, LeAnn Roth.

GIRLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

FRONT ROW:
Lorraine Coyle, Charlotte Dodson, Sarah Funk, Jane Cornwell, Roberta Kuerth, Miss Hepperly, Georgia Freed.
2nd ROW:
Delores Coyle, Jane Ellenberger, Catherine Slagell, Gerry Yergler, Jeanne McCullough, Betty Rowley, Zelda Benedict.
3rd ROW:
LeAnn Roth, Bobby Heiple, Lorraine Finck, Joan Kuerth, Jean Roth, Aldine Zimmerman, Kathleen Grusy.

F. F. F.

The Future Farmers have enjoyed another successful year. Thirty-three students enrolled in agriculture. Carrying twenty four swine projects, and two dairy projects, four sheep projects, and three poultry projects.

Tho annual state F. F. A. Conference was not held this year because of O. D. T. rulings; making it possible to have only one deligate from each section. The annual June Conference of the Agriculture teachers will not be held for the same reason.

The F. F. A. served lunches at three farm sales to raise chapter funds instead of seed sales and other activities.

Mr. Satterfiels was honored by being elected Chairman of Section nine of the Ill. Association of Agriculture teachers.

The Gridley Chapter of F. F. A. stages the Section nine vocational Agriculture Fair under the sponsorship of the Gridley Lions Club with the financial backing of the community. Adult leadership in the fair presentation was in the farm of a committee of agriculture teachers, composed of Mr. Satterfield, Chairman, R. J. Walker, of Chenoa, and Floyd Snider of El Paso.

The officers for the year were as follows: Floyd Meiss pres; Herbert Gramm, Vic. Pres. Paul Reeves, Sec,. Bill Hayes Treasure; Howard Lehmann, reporter.

HISTORY OF HOME EC. CLUB

The Gridley Home Ec. Club affiliated with the new National Home Ec. Organization. This will mean that in the future the Club will resemble the F.F.A. in organization.

The year began with the Club having a lunch stand at the Albert Funk farm sale. The proceeds were great enough to take care of the Clubs financial needs for the year.

The regular meetings were held on the second Thursday of each month. They have included a wiener roast for the freshman girls, candle light initiation and instalation, a roller skating party in Pontiac for the F.F.A. boys, a talk on"Good Grooming" by Mrs. Clyde Boles, Chenoa beauty operator, and the making of an afgan for wounded soldiers.

The Clubs' annual field trip was to Bloomington where, A.A. Washburn and Sons gave a demonstration on arranging flowers. The girls were also shown through the Jefferson Cafeteria kitchen and the Soldiers and Sailors Childrens Home.

Sarah and Shirley were delegates to the State Home Ec. Club Camp which was held at Lake Bloominton in August.

The officers for this year are as follows: President, Sarah Funk, Vice President, Shirley Rich, Secretary,Kathleen Grusy, Treasure, Bobby Heiple.

G. A. A.

As usual the main theme in our G.A.A. program was to obtain points. Opportunities to earn points by playing basketball and baseball were created and everyone had a jolly time while doing it. Other points could be gotten individually too and many succeeded swelling their amounts this way.

All was not work however, a party a month was enjoyed, too. A weiner roast, a roller skating party (with escorts) and a basketball party were some of the varieties.

In the spring of the year a Play Day was held. Nine schools sent representatives and the day was spent in playing baseball, volleyball, relays, dancing, and group games. The theme for the day was dogs. It was held April 28th and was a grand success.

The final party was the one in which the Senior boys were entertained. Awards were given to both boys and girls.

G.A.A. was directed this year by Miss Hepperly. It was her first year in G.A.A. but she caught on fast and did a marvelous job.

Officers for this year are:

Pres.	Jane Cornwell
V. Pres.	Sarah Funk
Sec.	Roberta Kuerth
Treas.	Charlotte Dodson

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BAND

FRONT ROW:
Zelda Benedict, Georgianna Freed, Ty Kaufman, Evan Bertsche, Keith Phillis, Jane Cornwell, Jane Ellenberger, Aldene Zimmerman.
2ND ROW:
Lorriane Finck, Don Fleming, Jeanne McCullough, Edson Keifer Joe Ellenberger, John Lehmann, Miss Ferrell,director, Howard Lehmann, June McCullough.

CHORUS

FRONT ROW:
Lorraine Coyle, Marilyn Zehr, Dolores Coyle, Miss Ferrell, Dorothy Klein, Alice Kantz, Georgianna Freed, Marie Jensen, Sarah Funk.
2ND ROW:
Marguerite Krones, Jane Ellenberger, Maralen Kent, Joanne McDullough, Rosemary Whisman, Betty Lou Shanebrock, Shirley Hershe, Eleanor Rinkenberger, Zelda Benedict, Charlotte Dodson
3RD ROW:
Lucille Kuntz, Jerry Yergler,Lorraine Finck, Winifred Fenton Jane cornwell, Joan Schlipf, Aldene Zimmerman, Valera Kemp, Patricia Ethington
4TH ROW:
Betty Rowley, Kathryn Miller, Jean Roth, Joan Kuerth, Helen Schliph, Charlotte Hodel, Wilma King, Shirley Rich, Roberta Kuerth, Thelma Hibbs

LIBRARY

SEATED:
Donna Litwiller, Kathleen Grusy.
STANDING:
Miss Curtis, Roberta Kuerth, Charlotte Dodson, Winifred Fenton, Jane Cornwell.

SPEECH

FRONT ROW:
Jim Ringger, Mr. Carritt, Joan Kuerth.
2ND ROW:
Joan McCullough,Jane Cornwell,Lucille Kuntz,Marguerite Krones.

Music

The Gridley Community High School music department consisted of band, girls' chorus and boys' chorus. Miss Margaret Farrel was the director. Each of the three groups met at least twice a week.

There were eighteen members in the band, including six trumpeters, three trombonists, two saxifonists, two clarinetists, one bass drummer, two snare drummers and two sousaphonists. A new set of cymbals was added to the musical equipment of the school. New music was bought, too, and used this year. When it was war, the band did some marching outside, which was valuable experience for us. We played at some of the home basketball games, and added a lot to the spirit of the games.

Forty-five members were enrolled in the girls' glee-club. Jeanne McCullough was the accompanist and Jane Cornwell the alternate. A lot of girls' glee club music was found which hadn't been used before so a lot of new numbers were learned, including "Swinging On a Star" and "Cherubim."

Most of the girls' glee club work was done with three part music; soprano, second soprano and alto.

Boys' chorus had twenty five members. It had the same accompanists as the girls' chorus. Most of their songs were done in three and four parts. A crowded schedule precluded a mixed chorus, this year, but the choruses combined in giving a Christmas contata which was well received.

Members of the choruses have made numerous public appearances. A double mixed quartet sang at the King School; a boys' quartet sang at several different places and some members have sung solos or played instrumental solos at plays.

As this book goes to press, the outstanding musical event of the year is till to come. The County Music Festival, in which members of the girls' chorus and the band will participate. The band will play "The Desert Song", "On the Mall" and "Sandra". The girls' chorus will sing "If I Could Tell You," "Mah Curley Headed Baby" and "Goin Home".

LIBRARY

It is the purpose of the library to furnish information for the student and to provide for his entertainment and enjoyment.

Each year our library has been gradually increasing, and this year a new list of fiction and non-fiction books have been added.

The library is under the supervision of Miss Curtis, and we wish to thank the six student librarians for their services this year. They are Kathleen Grusy, Jane Cornwell, Charloote Dodson, Winifred Fenton, Roberta Kuerth, and Donna Litwiller.

COMMUNITY
HIGH SCHOOL

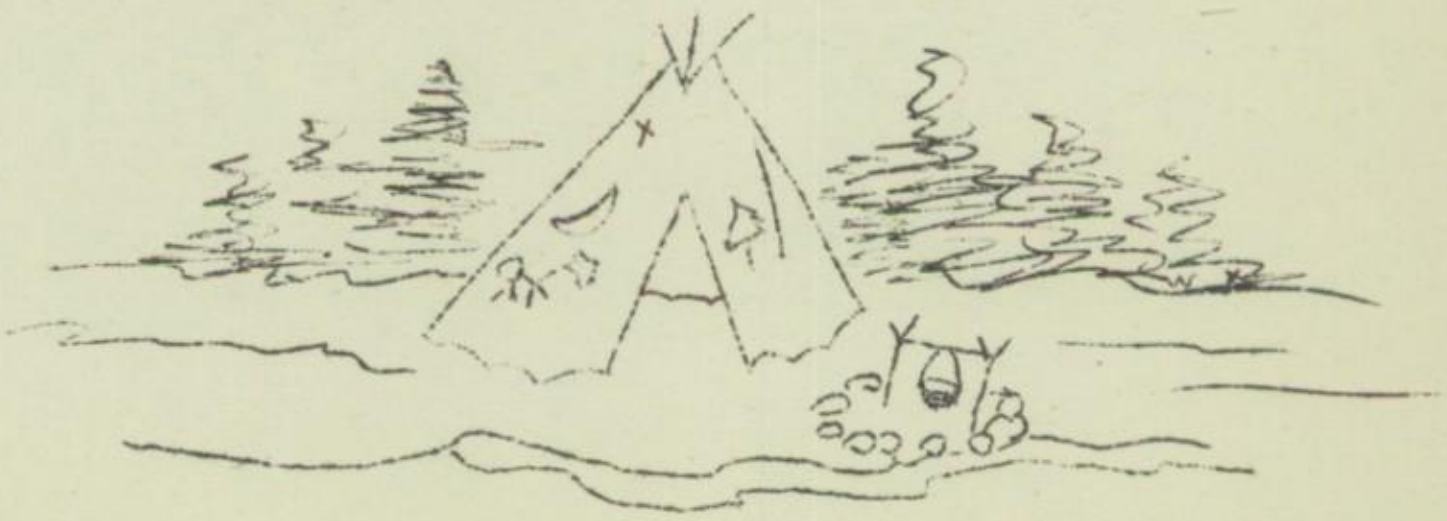
PEP CLUB

CHEER LEADERS:
Jane Ellenberger, Sarah Funk, Catherine Slagell.
FRONT ROW:
Dolores Coyle, Charlotte Dodson, Winnifred Fenton, Jean Schlipf, Patricia Ethington, Jeanne McCullough, Jerry Yergler Betty Shanebrook, Lucille Kuntz, Eleanor Rinkenberger, Lynn Klopfenstein, Russell Martin, Ralph Klopfenstein, Larry Ellenberger.
2nd ROW:
Kathryn Miller, Zelda Benedict, Charlotte Hodel, Aldine Zimmerman, Roberta Kuerth, Maralon Kent, Joan Kuerth, Valera Kemp, Marie Jensen, Bobby Heiple, Rosemary Whisman, Carlton Klopfenstein.
3rd ROW:
Alice Kantz, Betty Rowley, Loraine Coyle, Georgianna Freed Dorothy Klein, Marilyn Zehr, Wilma King, Jane Cornwell, Shirley Rich, Marguerite Krones, Ruth Gramm, Edson Keifer, Floyd Meiss.
4th ROW:
Shirley Hershe, Le Ann Roth, Kathleen Grusy, Donna Litwiller, Jim Ringger, John Schlipf, Joe Ellenberger, John Lehman, Donald Fleming, Roger Helbling, Keith Phillis, Dean Mulligan.
5th ROW:
Jean Roth, Lorraine Finck, Ernest Porzelius, Wilbur Haas Bob Kearney, Victor Rich, Kenneth Gerig, Kenneth Stahly John Diggle, June McCullough, Harold McKinley, Terry Kearney Leo Reeves, Tyrus Kaufman, Stanley Hauser.

CHEER LEADERS

Catherine Slagell

Jane Ellenberger Sarah Funk



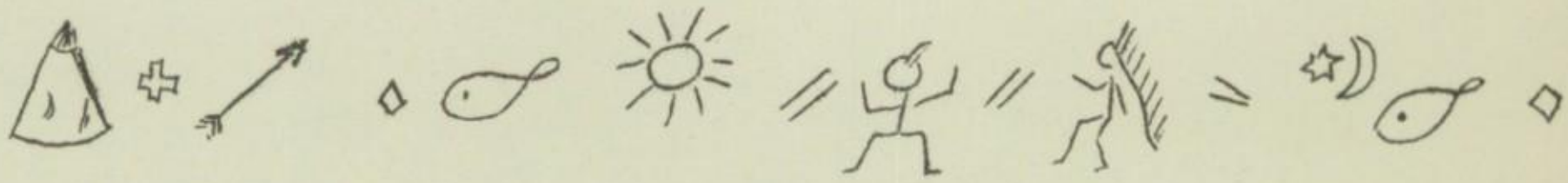
PEP CLUB

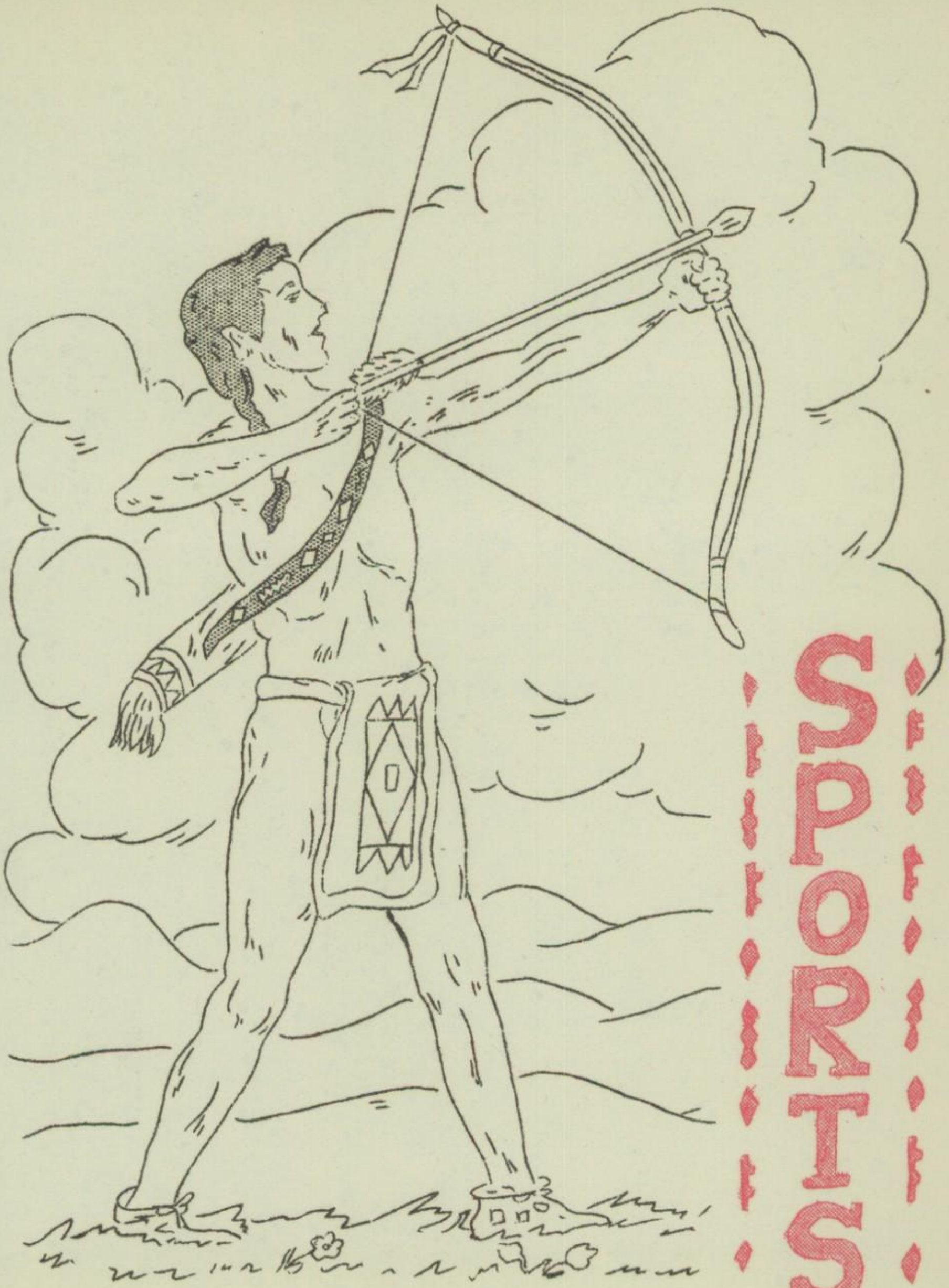
The basketball boys this year had an enthusiastic student body behind them at all the games. This was due largely to the interest given by the Pep Club. Transportation was furnished for the members, to many of the games.

On March 13, a party given in honor of the basketball boys and the coach was held in the gym. "Poke" Kaufman's autobiography was read. Ty Kaufman and Ralph Klopfenstein gave a debate on the benefit or hindrance of a little woman at home. Vic Rich talked on what made him tick and his opinion of next years team. Floyd bashfully proposed to Miss Curtis, and Mr. Towner gave a talk on how he would train his family in athletics. Then everyone played 50 or pinochle. After refreshments were served we ended a delightful evening by dancing.

The officers this year were:

Pres.	Jeanne McCullough
Vice Pres.	Geraldine Yergler
Sec.-Treas.	Pat Ethington





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BASKET BALL SQUAD

First Row: Floyd Meiss, Roger Kaufman,Ralph Klopfenstein,Ty Kaufman, Victor Rich.

Second Row: Mr. Towner-Coach,Joe Ellenberger,Kenneth Stahly, Carlton Klopfenstein, Larry Ellenberger, Everett Martin.

Third Row: Homer McCullough-Soph Manager, Bud Hoobler, Kenneth Gerig-Senior Manager, Jim Ringger-Junior Manager.

Fourth Row: Roger Helbling, Leo Reeves, Paul Reeves, John Schlipf, Lynn Klopfenstein, Russel Martin.

INDIVIDUALS

Larry Ellenberger

Tyrus Kaufman

Carlton Klopfenstein

Ralph Klopfenstein

Victor Rich

Joe Ellenberger

Floyd Meiss

Kenneth Stahly

Rogers Kaufman

Everett Martin

1944-45 BASKETBALL SEASON

The basketball season for 1944-45 was very successful for the Redskins. A much stiffer type of competition was presented to Gridley this year and the Redskins responded by having more impressive records than in many previous years. Much of the credit, for the success of the team goes to Mr. Towner. Also the student body contributed greatly by their enthusiastic following of the team. From the squad go five Seniors, Ty Kaufman, Ralph Klopfenstein, Victor Rich, Larry Ellenberger, and Carlton Klopfenstein. Two members of the first five will be back, next year, those being Floyd Meiss and Rogers Kaufman. Joe Ellenberger, Kenny Stahly, and Everett Martin come back again next year. The Redskins won the Prairie Conference again this year, in addition to winning their own Holiday Tournament. They bowed out of the picture in a thrilling contest with U.High in the finals of the Regional.

MEMBERS OF THE TEAM

Ralph Klopfenstein was a very aggressive player who rebounded well at both bankboards. He was a very good shot from anywhere and led the Gridley team in scoring. He stood 6 feet, being the tallest of the first five.

Ty Kaufman was the floor-man of the Gridley team; he was the defensive star of the team and was very fast, usually playing a big part in the Gridley fast break.

Victor Rich, the smallest of the first five, was a great dribbler and always had lots of drive on offense. He was hampered throughout the year by a bad ankle.

Floyd Meiss was a consistent offensive thrat who was a great offensive rebounder in addition to having a very deadly one-hand shot which he used to good advantage.

Rogers Kaufman played the pivot shot for the Redskins. He had a very clever fake which enabled him to go around most of the opposing players.

Carlton Klopfenstein, unable to play until his Senior year because of his health, turned in some very good prform-ances.

Larry Ellenberger played some on the first team usually at the forward post. He was a good faker and had a very good pivot shot.

Joe Ellenberger played guard part-time on the first team. He was a good ball-handler and dribbler and was an excel-lent feeder.

Everett Martin was a very good offensive man. He was particularly hot on long shots in addition to being very shifty and elusive with his dribbling.

Kenneth Stahly was a very accurate shooting guard and a good rebounder off the defensive bankboard.

SEASON'S GAMES

Metamora	Prairie Conf.	30-29
Flanagan		59-28
Roanoke	Prairie Conf.	44-13
Minonk	Prairie Conf.	46-25
Alumni		39-20
Chenoa		60-37
Lexington		48-24
Elpaso	Prairie Conf.	42-21
Roanoke	Prairie Conf.	32-21
Fairbury		29-37
Chenoa	Xmas Tourney	46-35
Forrest	Xmas Tourney	74-34
Lexington		76-26
Eureka	Prairie Conf.	46-38
Elpaso	Prairie Conf.	39-23
Washington	Prairie Conf.	33-39
Cornell		49-43
Fairbury		33-43
Lexington	County Tourney	62-27
Cropsey	County Tourney	39-40
Minonk	Prairie Conf.	44-32
Metamora	Prairie Conf.	37-36
Washington	Prairie Conf.	23-33

SEASON'S GAMES (con't)

Eureka	Prairie Conf.	34-32
Cornell		33-27
Chenoa		43-21
Strawn		54-25
Cissna Park		57-44
Lexington	Regional	59-39
Fairbury	Regional	38-37
U. High	Regional	37-38

Our Avg. 44.4 per game

Opp. Avg. 32.1 per game

Points Scored 1384

Opp. Points 997

Won 25 Lost 6

GRIDLEY WINS HOLIDAY TOURNEY

Gridley's cagers won the annual Gridley Christmas tournament by defeating Forrest 75 - 34. In the first round of games, Forrest defeated Lexington and Gridley defeated Chenoa 46 - 35. Chenoa annexed third place by defeating Lexington 57 - 31. After the championship game, Mr. Shinpaugh presented trophies for 1st, 2nd, and third place.

COUNTY TOURNEY

In the first round of the County Tournament, the Redskins rolled over Lexington 62 - 27. On the next evening, Gridley lost a heartbreaking 40 - 39 game to the undefeated Cropsey Bulldogs. LeRoy won the tournament by defeating Heyworth 27 - 23.

PRAIRIE CONFERENCE

For the second consecutive year Gridley won the Prairie Conference. The Prairie Conference is one of the toughest in the state. In the opening game of the season, the Redskins nosed out Metamora 30 - 29. They then proceeded by defeating Roanoke twice and Minonk and ElPaso. Gridley nosed out Eureka and then lost a 39 - 33 decision to Washington. The Redskins waylayed ElPaso and Minonk. Playing without the services of Ralph Klopfenstein who was out because of an injured leg, Gridley again beat Metamora 37 - 23. Gridley wound up their Prairie Conference games by defeating Eureka 34 - 32. After trailing all the way, the Redskins forged ahead in the final quarter to clinch the Prairie Conference crown.

FINAL STANDING

	W	L	AVG.
Gridley	10	2	.833
Washington	9	3	.750
Eureka	7	5	.583
Metamora	7	5	.583
Minonk	4	8	.333
ElPaso	3	9	.250
Roanoke	2	10	.167

REGIONAL TOURNEY

Gridley drew Lexington in the opening game of the Regional and disposed of them handily 59 - 39. In the semi-final game, Gridley faced a strong Fairbury five who held a jinx on the Redskins for several years. Gridley broke the jinx by winning a thrilling contest 38 - 37 by virtue of a last second mid-court shot by Ralph Klopfenstein. In the final game of the Regional Gridley faced U-High. The game was very close throughout with U-High coming through at the end to nose out Gridley 38 - 37. The high calibre of the teams playing in the Regional is well illustrated. Six out of the eight teams were champions in various conferences and tournaments.

PRAIRIE CONFERENCE BANQUET

On March 20, the members of the Gridley basketball squad were guests at a Prairie Conference banquet held at Eureka. The Prairie Conference trophy was presented to the

Gridley team. The 1945 state champion Decatur team were also present. Their coach and a Decatur sports writer, Mr. Mallard, gave short talks.

COACH AND PRINCIPAL GIVE FEED

In the first part of April, the Gridley basketball squad, the managers, and cheerleaders were guests at a banquet given in their honor by Mr. and Mrs. Towner and Mr. and Mrs. Shinpaugh. Following a delicious meal, the evening was spent playing pinochle. A prize was given to the last person holding a run or a hundred aces. Rogers Kaufman and Larry Ellenberger tied. Rogers won the toss and received the prize.

TRACK

Hurdle Group

Back Row:
Herbert Gramm, Victor Rich, Everett Martin, Terry Kearney.
Front Row:
Ty Kaufman, Mr. Hill, Ralph Klopfenstein, Floyd Meiss.

Track Squad

Front Row:
Ralph Kahle, Homer McCullough, Emmerson Guth, Roger Helbing, Lynn Klopfenstein, Mr. Hill, Burdell Slagell, John Lehmann, Russell Martin, Gordon Clausen, Stanley Hauser.
2nd Row:
Dean Mulligan, John Kahle, Donald Fleming, Keith Phillis, Herbert Gramm, Joe Hayes, Edson Hiefer, Terry Kearney, Leo Reeves, Howard Zehr, Robert Kearney.
3rd Row:
Ernest Porzelius, Robert Gramm, Jene McKinley, John Schlipf, Floyd Meiss, Darvin Punke, Lloyd Dodson, Duane Guth, Nelson Funk, James Ringger, Evan Bertsche, Ronald Ringger.
4th Row:
Donald Kiefer, Victor Rich, Bill Hayes, Ty Kaufman, John Murray, Roger Kaufman, Carlton Klopfenstein, Ralph Klopfenstein, Larry Ellenberger, Paul Reeves, Everett Martin, Kenny Gerig, Howard Lehmann.

Relay group

Front Row:
Robert Kearney, Donald Fleming, Mr. Hill, Donald Kiefer, Terry Kearney.
Back Row:
Everett Martin, Ty Kaufman, Ralph Klopfenstein, Kenny Gerig, Nelson Funk.

TRACK

April 19-1944-Gridley romped over Chenoa in a dual meet held at Chenoa by a score of 79½ to 38½. Kenney Roth was the main point-getter for Gridley, winning five firsts for a total of 25.

April-21-1944-Gridley under classmen won a triangular meet with Lexington and Flanagan. Gridley compiled 53 points, to Flanagan's 38 and Lexington's 24. Ralph Klopfenstein scored 25 points for Gridley by garnering 5 firsts. Gridley slammed in two events.

April-29-1944-Gridley and Pontiac swept the honors at the Annual Gridley Relays. Gridley won the Relay championship with a total of 103 points, Pontiac trailed with 79, Chenoa was third with 57, El Paso garnered 39 and Lexington 3. Pontiac won the field championship with a total of 22 points, Gridley with a close second with 19, Heyworth 18, and ElPaso, Flanagan, Chenoa, and Lexington came in 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th respectively. Roth, R. Klopfenstein, T. Kaufman, Meiss, and Kuerth were standouts for Gridley.

May-2-1944-Gridley defeated Washburn, the Woodford County Champs by a score of 68 5/6 to 43 1/6. Gridley took 9 out of 12 possible first places. Roth scored 22¼ points for Gridley.

May-10-1944-Gridley defeated Chenoa again in a dual track meet 77 to 36. Roth, Kuerth, and Klopfenstein were again Gridley's mainstays, gathering 47 points between them.

May-16-1944-Gridley won their sixth consecutive McLean County

Track Championship. The winners had a total of 86½ points. LeRoy was second with 60½, Heyworth third with 50, Chenoa 43, and Lexington 8. Ty Kaufman was the outstanding star of the meet while Kuerth, Klopfenstein, and Roth were instrumental in the Gridley Victory.

At the conclusion of the Track season Mr. and Mrs. Hill entertained the track squad at the Home Economic room. Fresh strawberries and ice cream were served.

Letters were presented to the 1945 Co-Captain, Ty Kaufman and Ralph Klopfenstein, who were elected by the squad, and Kenneth Roth, Junior Kuerth, Donald Gramm, Victor Rich, Duane Schrock, Kenneth Gerig, Bill Helbling, Floyd Meiss, Joe Ellenberger, John Kahle, Everett Martin, John Diggle, Terry Kearney, Wilbur Hasse, Donald Fleming, and Donald Kiefer. Minor letters were given to Dean Mulligan, Leo Reeves, and Stanley Hauser.

1945 Track and Field

Practically all of the boys reported to Mr. Hill for track practice for the 1945 season. Gridley again seems loaded with talent, and should compile another impressive record again this year. The following list is the group that should enter most of the track meets for Gridley this year.

100-220 yd. dashes- Bob. Kearney-Ty Kaufman

440-880- Ralph Klopfenstein-Kenneth Gerig, Don Fleming, and Don Keifer.

Hurdles- Victor Rich, Ralph Klopfenstein, Floyd Meiss, Terry

Kearney, Don Keifer, Everett Martin.

High Jump- Larry Ellenberger and Ralph Klopfenstein.

Broad Jump- Ty Kaufman.

Weights- Carlton Klopfenstein, Floyd Meiss, Gene McKinley, Bill Hayes, and Roger Kaufman.

Pole Vault- Floyd Meiss, Vic Rich, Everett Martin.

Mile Run- Victor Rich, John Kahle, and Donald Keifer.

Relays- Ralph Klopfenstein, Ty Kaufman, Don Fleming, Robert Kearney, Nelson Funk, Floyd Meiss, Terry Kearney, Don Fleming, Don Kiefer, and Evertt Martin.

For the Freshman, Lloyd Dodson, Ralph Kahle, Russell Martin John Schlipf and Burdell Slagell are outstanding.

March-29- Chenoa at Chenoa- informal.

April-10- Flanagan-Lexington here.

April-14- Paris Relays.

April-17- Washburn at Gridley.

April-20- Pontiac at Pontiac.

April-24- Chenoa at Gridley.

April-27- Mattoon Relays.

May-1- Gridley Relays.

May-4- Urbana Relays.

May-5- Delavan Invitational.

May-8- Chenoa Invitational.

May-9- Ottowa Fresh-Soph. Relays.

May-11- District Track Meet.

May-15- County Meet.

HOW GRIDLEY SCORED IN THE 1944 COUNTY MEET

100 yard dash----------Roth, first; Kaufman, second.

220 yard dash----------Kaufman, first; Kuerth, fourth.

440 yard dash----------Klopfenstein, first; Gerig, fourth.

880 yard run----------Klopfenstein.

120 yard high hurdles----------Kuerth, first.

200 yard low hurdles;

Shuttle Hurdle Relay; Gridley, first.
(Klopfenstein, Meiss, Rich, Kuerth)

Freshman-Shuttle Relay; Gridley, first.
(T. Kearney, Haase, Diggle, Martin)

Varsity Half Mile Relay; Gridley, first.
(Roth, Klopfenstein, Kuerth, Kaufman)

Freshman-Sophomore Half Mile Relay;
(T. Kearney, Haase, Diggle, Allenberger)

Broad Jump----------Kaufman, first; Shrock, fourth.

High Jump;
(Klopfenstein, tie for second, Shrock, tie for fourth)

Pole Vault----------Meiss, second; Martin, fourth.

Sprint-Medley Relay; Gridley, fourth.

In the Gridley Relays Gridley won the following relay races;

Varsity;

High Hurdle Relay----------Meiss, Rich, Shrock, Kuerth.

Low Hurdle Relay----------Klopfenstein, Meiss, Rich, Kuerth.

Half Mile Relay----------Roth, Klopfenstein, Kuerth, Kaufman.

Mile Relay----------Roth, Kuerth, Kaufman, Klopfenstein.

Sprint Medley Relay-----Roth, Kuerth, Kaufman, Klopfenstein.

BASEBALL

FRONT ROW:
Mr. Towner, Coach, Ralph Klopfenstein, Carlton Klopfenstein Rogers Kaufman, Kenneth Stahly.
BACK ROW:
Bud Hoobler, Victor Rich, Everett Martin, Floyd Meiss, Tyrus Kaufman, Joe Ellenberger.

GIRLS' PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS

SEATED LEFT:
Miss Hepperly, Rosemary Whisman, Marie Jensen, Valera Kemp.
2nd ROW:
Jane Ellenberger, Jean McCullough, Charlotte Dodson.
STANDING LEFT:
Ruth Gramm, Betty Lou Shanebrook, Marilyn Zehr, Maralon Kont, Georgia Ann Freed, Aldine Zimmerman, Kathleen Grusy.

PYRAMID:
Sarah Funk, Catherine Slagell, Lucille Kuntz, Jane Cornwell, Shirley Rich, Roberta Kuerth.
STANDING BACK:
Joan Kuerth, Virginia King, Helen Schlipf.
HAND STAND:
Bobby Heiple, Elenaor Rinkenberger.

SEATED RIGHT:
Lorraine Finck, Lorraine Coyle, Dolores Coyle.
2nd ROW:
Zelda Benedict, Dorothy Klein, Alice Kantz.
STANDING RIGHT:
Charlotte Hodel, Jean Roth, Wilma King, Kathryn Miller, Gerry Yergler, Jean Schlipf.

BOYS' PHYSICAL EDUCATION

FRONT ROW:
Don Adams, Howard Lehmann, Kenneth Gerig, John Murray, Mr. Hill, instructor, Bill Hayes, Nelson Funk, Robert Gramm, Jim Ringger.
2nd ROW:
Stanley Hauser, Gordon Clausen, Roger Helbling, Keith Phillis, Burdell Slagell, John Lehmann, Emerson Guth, Ralph Kahle, June McCullough.
3rd ROW:
Dean Mulligan, Harold McKinley, Edson Keifer, Don Keifer, Herbert Gramm, Ronald Ringger, Gene McKinley, Howard Zehr, Bob Kearney, Don Fleming.
4th ROW:
John Kahle, Evan Bertsche, Joe Hayes, Lloyd Dodson, John Schlipf, Wilbur Haase, Paul Reeves, Duane Guth, Darwin Punk, Terry Kearney, Ernest Porzelius.

BASEBALL

Sept. 14-In a very close game Gridley defeated Stanford 3 to 1. Gridley got only 5 hits but managed, with Stahly and R. Kaufman's extra base blows, to give Ralph Klopfenstein his first victory of the year.

Sept. 18-Gridley lost a tight game to Heyworth, 13 to 12. Heyworth went on to win the County championship later. The game was a free hitting affair with every Gridley player getting at least one hit.

Sept. 21-Gridley was defeated by Flanagan 2 to 0. A tight pitcher's battle ensued between Klopfenstein and Roeschly. Three costly errors was the cause of the Gridley defeat.

Sept. 26-Gridley rolled over Carlock 12 to 0 with Ralph K. pitching great ball. He struck out 17 and only one Carlock batter was able to get a hit. This hit came with two men out in the final inning. Martin led the batting with 3 hits including a home rin. Gridley putting on a great last inning rally, scored 6 runs in the final inning to defeat McLean 12 to 7. Ralph Klopfenstein pounded out 3 hits, two of them being triples.

Danvers fell victim to a hard hitting Gridley team who came from behind to win 14 to 6. The pitching was divided between Stahly and Ralph Klopfenstein with Stahly earning the victory.

BATTING AVERAGE

	AB	R	H	W	SO	2B	3B	HR	AVG.
Kenney	25	9	11	0	5	2	1	0	.440
Everett	23	8	10	1	7	1	1	1	.435
Ralph	21	5	8	2	3	4	2	0	.380
Roger	19	5	7	3	3	0	1	0	.368
Ty	19	6	6	2	9	1	0	0	.316
Victor	21	2	5	1	4	0	0	0	.238
Carlton	21	4	5	1	3	0	1	0	.238
Bud	21	8	5	5	1	0	0	0	.238
Joe	5	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	.200
Floyd	12	3	2	2	9	0	0	0	.167
John	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	.000

PITCHING RECORD

	IP	W	SO	W	L	AVG.
Ralph K.	37	11	60	3	2	.600
Kenney S.	3	1	1	1	0	1.000

Key

AB- At Bat

R- Run

H- Hit

W- Walk

SO- Strike Out

IP- Innings Pitched

Girls P. E.

This year Miss Heprerly was in charge of the girls Physical education class.

At the beginning of each class period a stiff course of calisthenics was endured by the entire class.

In the fall the Girls went outside to participate in such outdoor activities as softball, socker, and kick softball. Tournaments were held in each game.

After the course of the year the girls played basketball, vollyball, and kick softball.

For variety Miss Hepperly lead us in some commando tactics, and demonstrated a number of dance steps.

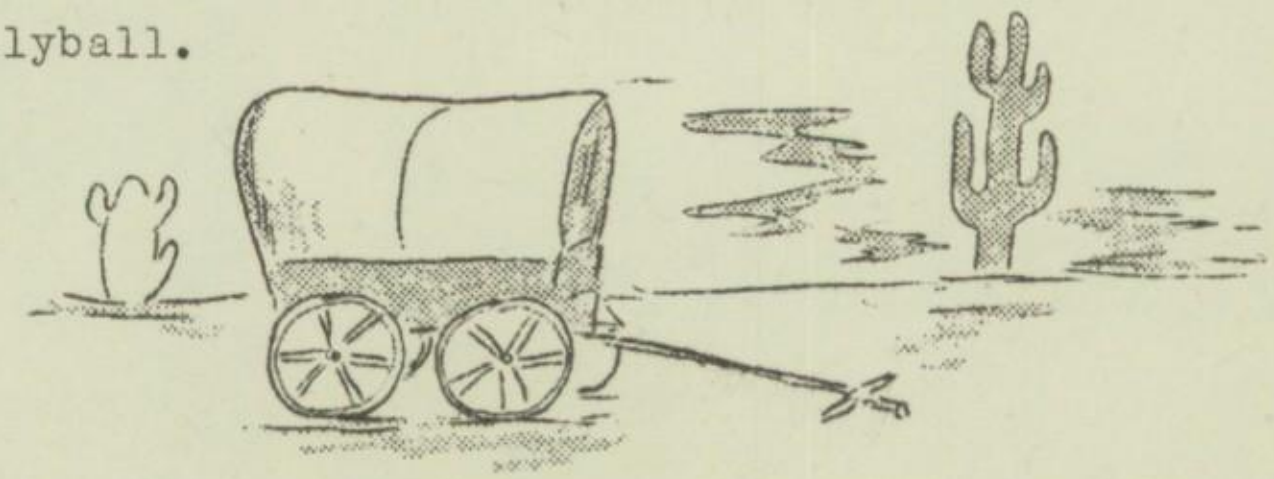
Near the end of the school year new mats, were purchased,which eliminated may bruses when we did acrobats . Most of the girls agree that Physical education is an essential part of our school program.

Boys P.E.

The physical education program is put in to the high school curriculm to help develop stamina, achieve corrdination of mind and muscle and to create interest in the major sports of baseball, football, basketball and track.

This fall and winter the boys were under the direction of Mr. Hill. He organized a physical fitness program and divided the boys into two football teams. When it was too cold to hold the classes outside basketball was played in the gym. Five boys were chosen as captains and at the end of the basketball season a tournament was held. Wilber Haase's team won the tournament in a thrilling over time game 30-28 from Bob Kearney. Edson Keifer dumped in the winning basket. The other members of Haase's team were Don Keifer, Darwin Punk, Gene McKinley and John Lehman. Kearney's team consisted of Don Fleming, Evan Bertsche, Howard Lehman and Jim Ringger.

This spring Mr. Towner was in charge of the boys and taught them more about the games of basketball, football, and vollyball.



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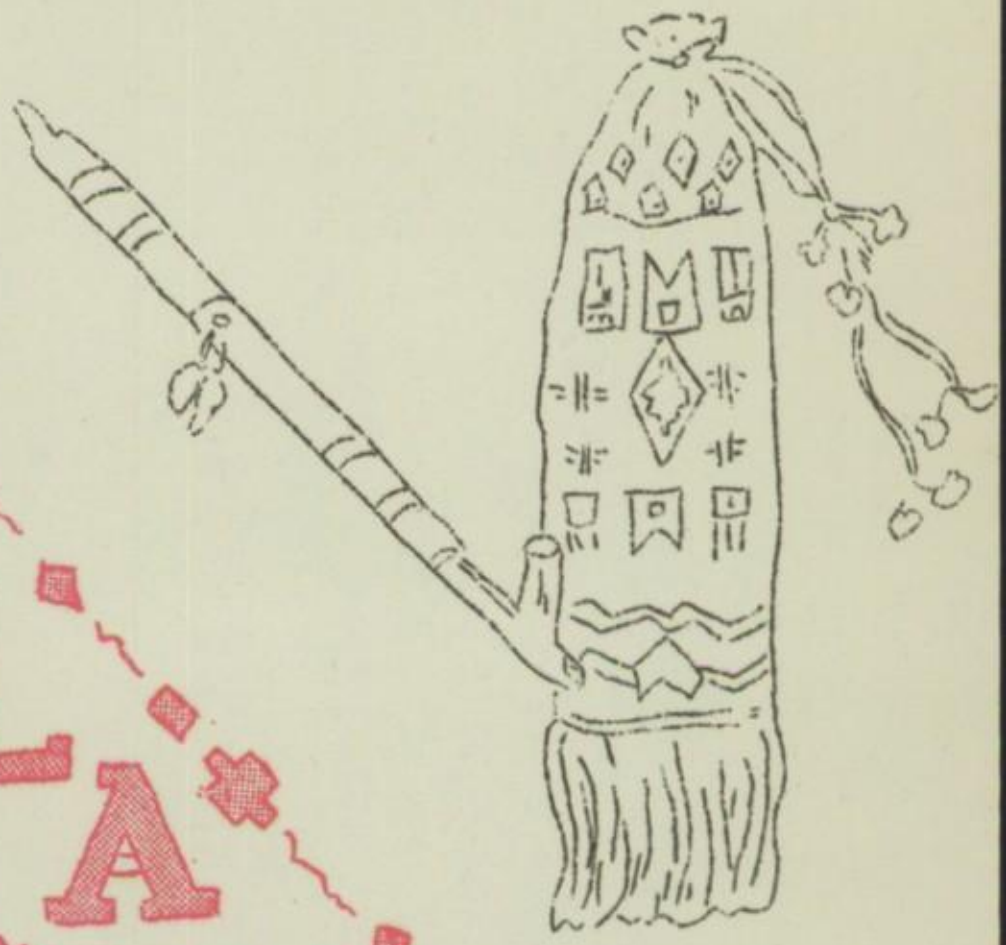

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SNAP PAGE

1. Vic Rich
2. Rosemary Whisman
3. Jeanne McCullough
4. Jean Schlipf
5. Catherine Slagell
6. Jane Cornwell
7. Winifred Fenton
8. "Rat" Kahle
9. Bud Hoobler
10. Catherine Slagell
11. Bobby Heiple
12. John Kahle, Tom Cleary, Bud Hoobler
13. We're superstitious - no picture.
14. Jane Ellenberger, Gordon Clausen
15. Catherine Slagell
16. Kenneth Gerig
17. Carlton Klopfenstein
18. Roger and Ty Kaufman
19. Larry Ellenberger
20. Eleanor Rinkenberger
21. Herbert Gramm, Jim Ringger
22. FIRST ROW: Bobby Heiple, Rosemary Whisman, Winifred Fenton, Catherine Slagell.

    SECOND ROW: Jean Schlipf, Vic Rich.

    THIRD ROW: Bob Kearney, Nelson Funk, Bud Hoobler, Jane Cornwell.

23. Carlton Klopfenstein

24. Jeanne McCullough, Winifred Fenton, June Gardner.

25. Carlton Klopfenstein, Ralph Klopfenstein, Mr. Shinpaugh.

26. Emerson Guth

27 Jane Cornwell

28. Kenneth Stahly

29. Ralph Klopfenstein

30. John Kahle

31. Jeanne McCullough

32. First Row: Guth, Slagell, Helbling, Martin,Klopfenstein, Phyllis, Stalter, Kahle.

33. First Row: Horshe, Zehr, Rowley, Kantz.
Second Row: Freed, Ellenberger, Klein, D.Coyle, L. Coyle Kirkton.

34. Kathleen Grusy, Miss Curtis, Le Ann Roth.

35. Shirley Rich

36. Russell Martin, Lynn Klopfenstein, Donald Stalter.

37. Freshman Initiation Day.

38. Vic Rich

39. Ralph Klopfenstein

40. Gordon Clausen, Jane Ellenberger.

MOST LIKELYS

These people were chosen by a vote of the Senior Class. We hope that in years to come, you may look in this book, and see if we were good prophets.

Boy most likely to be married first------Ralph Klopfenstein

Girl most likely to be married first---------Winifred Fenton

Boy most likely to succeed----------Ty Kaufman

Girl most likely to succeed----------Charlotte Dodson

Boy most likely to have the most wives----------Bud Hoobler

Girl most likely to have the most husbands------Bobby Hoiple

Boy most likely to make the best father--------Kenneth Gerig

Girl most likely to make the best mother-----Winifred Fenton

Person most likely to be bald first----------Victor Rich

Boy most likely to be henpecked----------Victor Rich

Girl most likely to henpeck----------Joanne McCullough

Boy most likely to travel----------Evan Bertsche

Girl most likely to travel----------Jane Cornwell

Boy most likely to stay in Gridley----------Robert Gramm

Girl most likely to stay in Gridley----------Jean Schlipf

Boy most likely to have the most children----------Carlton Klopfenstein

Girl most likely to have the most children--Rosemary Whisman

SENIOR FAVORITES

Name and Nickname	Subject	Actor or Actress	Sport	Ambition
Evan Steiner	Math.	None	Football	Be on Pres. Cabinet
Jane Corny	Biology	Dennis Morgan	Baseball	Nurse
Charlotte D. Char	Geometry	Van Johnson	Swimming	Artist
Larry Frankie	Geometry	June Haver	Basketball	C.P. A.
Winifred Winnie	Typing	Robert Walker	Basketball	Secretary
Lester Jr. Flash	None	Gypsy Rose Lee	Hockey	President
Nelson None	Physics	Shirley Temple	Track	Farmer
Kenneth Bristles	Physics	All of them	Basketball	Farmer
Robert G. Engle	Geometry	June Haver	None	Pilot
Bobby None	None	Dana Andrews	Swimming	Farmer
Charlotte H Spike	Shorthand	Spencer Tracy	Basketball	Secretary
Bud Hooker	Physics	Irene Dunne	Tennis	get a new tire
Tyrus Ty	History	June Allyson	Basketball	Lawyer
Bob K. Shipbuilder	Adv. Math	Greer Garson	Basketball	Farmer
Carlton Carsh	Latin	Igrid Bergman	Basketball	Radio Announcer

Ralph Snatch	Geometry	Louise Allbritten	Basketball	Farmer
Jeanne Mc. Mac	Book-keeping	John Hodiak	Basketball	Accountant
John Jack	Math.	Alice Faye	Baseball	Flyer
Victor Vic	History	Diana Lynn	Basketball	Photographer
Jean S. None	Typing	Gary Cooper	Basketball	Secretary
Catherine None	Shorthand	Cary Grant	Basketball	Farmer's wife
Rosemary Rosey	Shorthand	Dennis Morgan	Basketball	Secretary

PYLON ALUMNI 1944

Names	What	Where
Wesley Foor	Air Corps	Arizona
Alice Meiss	Oil-o-Matic	Bloomington
Anna Lou Kuerth	Le Tourneu	Peoria
Ruth Ann Schlipf	Brown's Business College	Peoria
Ramona Oliver	Eureka College	Eureka
Kenneth Gramm	Army	Italy
Georgianna Brush	Beauty Operator	Gridley
Donald Zehr	Farming	Gridley
Kenneth Roth	Farming	Gridley
Joan Steward	Mennonite Hospital	Bloomington
Henry Kuerth Jr.	U. of Illinois	Champaign
Eileen Roberts	State Farm	Bloomington
Esther Eigsti	Mennonite Hospital	Bloomington
Myrtle Dodson	Business College	Peoria
Clara Andrews	Caterpillar	Peoria
Henry Stortz	Farming	Gridley
Madelyn Andrews	I.S.N.U.	Normal
Bernice Stalter	Mennonite Hospital	Bloomington
Donald Gramm	Navy	Mississippi
Mary Wilfong	State Farm	Bloomington

Jokes

Robert Gramm: "I paid a hundred dollars for that dog-part collie and part bull."

Ralph Klopfenstein: "Which part is bull?"

Robert: "The part about the hundred dollars."

Mr. Towner: "My shaving brush is like a board. I wonder what is the matter with it."

Mrs. Towner: "I don't know, dear. It worked fine yesterday when I painted the bird cage."

Mr. Carritt (In American History): "Larry, do you think George Washington could have pitched a dollar across the Rappahannock River, as he is said to have done?"

Larry Ellenberger: "I don't see why not. Our history book says he pitched his camp across the Delaware River, when the British were after him."

Lee Andrews (to drivers in head on collision): "Now boys, I want to know which one of your two cars hit the other first."

Carlton: "What is the difference between a girl and a horse?"

Ty Kaufman: "I don't know."

Carlton: "I'll bet you have some swell dates."

Miss Curtis(In English IV): "Who was Francis Drake Kenny?"

Ken Gerig: "I guess he must have been a friend of Donald Duck."

Nelson Funk: "Do you ever expect to find the perfect girl?"

John Murray: "No, but its lots of fun hunting!"

Terry Kearney: "Why won't you sit on my lap, dear?"

Jane Ellenberger: "Because you're so bowlegged I'm afraid I'll fall through."

John Diggle: "I just shot my dog."

Rogers Kaufman: "Was he mad?"

John: "Well, it didn't seem to exactly please him."

Jeanne McCullough: "What are you doing, fishing?"

Catherine Slagell: "Naw! I'm drowning worms! !"

Mr. Hill: "You can't sleep in my classes!"

Floyd Meiss: "If you wouldn't talk so loud I could."

Miss Ferrell: "Who was Tallyrand?"

Howard Zehr: "A fan dancer and cut out the baby talk."

A very fat lady approaching Lee Andrews says, "Could you see me across the street?"

Lee (very brightly): "Lady, I could see you a mile away!"

Husband: "Why dear, I don't think son's reports are so bad. The teacher reported last time he was still trying."

Wife: "Yes, but this new report is more trying than ever."

Bob Kearney: "I'll be frank with you--you're not the first girl I ever kissed."

Pat Ethington: "And I'll be frank with you--you've got a lot to learn."

SCHOOL CALENDER

September

1--Doors of G.C.H.S. were opened to admit 108 students. We started the year right by having school only a half day.

4--School is continuing smoothly in the same old routine.

7--School dismissed for the fair, it included the usual carnival and a cattle show under the supervision of Mr. Satterfield.

11-The official 1944-45 baseball session commences.

12-48 Physical Education girls led by Miss Hepperly had a two mile hike.

13-Mr. Carritt, our new History and Social Science teacher became a part of the G.C.H.S. faculty.

14-Our first baseball game. It was a victory over Stanford.

18-A close game with Heyworth, they winning 13-12.

21-Gridley was defeated by their next door neighbor Flanagan. The score being 2-0.

26-Gridley showed their skill in a game with Carlock by winning 12-0.

29-Grade school field day was staged under the direction of Mr. Hill. Neighboring rural schools participated.

October

2--We began the month out right with a victory of 11-7 over McLean.

3--First G.A.A. party.

4--The Jr.-Senior Home Ec. Class made a tour of different furniture stores in Bloomington.

5--Groan! Six week tests are approaching. We had our last baseball game, played Danvers, we won 14-6.

6--First edition of Gridlite on the press.

9--Buurrrrrrr Turn up your coat collars seems as if it were winter weather.

10-Attention! All P.E. Girls are reducing. Miss Hepperly put them through a stiff routine.

11-Senior play practice begins.

12-The girls who bring their luncheons had a surprise party for the Rinkenberger twins, Ellen and Helen.

13-Despite the superstitions concerning Friday the 13, nothing fatal occured.

16-There were a lot of rejoicing and groons-----Mostly groans. Report cards.

17-Sarah Funk and Jane Ellenberger were elected cheer leaders along with Catherine Slagell.

18-Seniors received reports of their I.Q. tests which they had taken the previous year.

19-The Home Ec. Club initiated its new members with a candle light service.

25-G.A.A. girls played baseball and afterwards held a weiner roast.

26- Miss Ferrell gave the band some exercise; they marched in orderly file around the block.
31-Witches, goblins and black cats! Halloween has arrived. Jrs. had a party to celebrate.

November

1-Many things indicated that Halloween had come and gone.
2-Play practice is still going strong.
3-The Seniors assembled and had a class party.
7-Student Council officers were elected to serve this year.
9-The Seniors put forth their best appearance to have their pictures snapped.
13-Home rooms were interchanged among different classes.
16-Rah! Rah! Rah! Basketball season opened with boys reporting to Mr. Towner.
17-Gridley managed to squeeze a 30-29 victory over Metamora.
21-Student Council planned an all school party.
Gridley swamped Flanagan, score being 59-28.
22-School dismissed at noon, in evening an all school party was held in the gym.
23-Our first vacation.
24-Basketball game was postponed with our old rivals Fairbury.
28-Gridley gained an easy victory over Roanoke. 44-13.
30-Home Ec. girls entertained F.F.A. boys with a roller skating party in Pontiac.

December

1-Minonk took a good grubbing at the hands of Gridley. 46-25.
5-The Gridley alumni was defeated by the High school regulars. 39-20.
6-The G.C.H.S. students carried out a bond drive in which they greatly went over the quota, as the results they had the honor of having their name engraved on five U.S. jeeps.
8-In a high scoring game Gridley overpowered Chenoa winning by a score of 60-37.
11-The ground was covered with a white blanket, first snow.
12-Gridley continued their winning way over Lexington. 48-24.
13-Contata practice.
14-The F.F.A. boys returned a skating party to the Home Ec. girls.
15-Another victory for Gridley. We beat ElPaso 42-21.
17-The Contata was held and it was a great success.
18-G.A.A. girls had a progressive dinner. We progressed to the homes of Jeanne McCullough, Sarah Funk, Jane Cornwell and Jane Ellenberger for the various cources.

January-

2-We began the new year the right way by trampling Lexington, 76-26.

5-Close game, Gridley won over Eureka, 47-38.

9-Gridley paid a return visit to ElPaso, treating their host rather roughly.

11-The monthly Home Ec. Party was held.

12-Washington showed Gridley they have basket ball ability; they defeated us by the score of 39-22.

16-Another close game. We defeated Cornell, 49-43.

17-Students burned a lot of midnight oil and did a lot of cramming. Semesters exams are approaching.

18-Semesters! Dropping our third game of the season 43-33 to our great menace Fairbury.

22-All students returned to start the new semester.

23-First night of County was held at Normal. Gridley versed Lexington. Cheers! Victory being for Gridley. 62-27.

24-Gridley's chance for championship was lost to Cropsey. 40-39.

29-Mr. Shinpaugh made the new rule that any student who failed in any subject would remain an extra period.

Hurrah! we defeated Minonk. 44-32.

February-

1-State inspector should arrive. Everyone was busy cleaning their lockers and tiding up. Low and behold! No state inspector.

2-Blankenberg studio was here to snap the pictures for the pylon.

3-A tight squeeze! We secked a 37-36 victory over Metamora.

4-Pylon Staff is sponsoring a Valentine Prom in which a queen will be elected to reign.

5-Seniors recieved application pictures.

6-The faculty were dinner guests of the Jr.-Senior Home Ec. Class.

Washington continued to master over Gridley. 34-32.

7-The G.A.A. members and guests attended a skating party in Bloomington.

8-Votes for the Valentine Prom queen are rapidly coming in.

9-Eur-e-ka! We defeated Eureka. 34-27.

12-G.C.H.S. students honored Abraham Lincoln by singing happy birthday to him in all the home rooms.

13-Gridley triumphed over Cornell. 33-27.

14-At Last! Valentine Prom has arrived. Maralon Kent received the honor of being queen. Everyone danced to the strains of Toby Davidson.

16-Gridley made it their 3rd consecutive victory over Chenoa.
19-Gridley rolled Strawn with a 54-25 victory.
21-The basketball boys were given a supper by the Junior-Senior Home Ec. Class.
22-Today the Father of our Country, George Washington, was honored by all.
23-Gridley knocked out Cissna Park, 57-44.
26-The professional actors, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons staged the show "Abraham Lincoln" for the benefit of G.C.H.S. students.
27-After losing the county the boys put their heart and soul in the Regional by defeating Lexington. 59-39.
28-Try, try again, you will be sure to succeed. Gridley proved this adage to be true by defeating Fairbury, whom they hadn't beaten for----------years.
30-Six weeks examinations are taken by all students.

March

1-We are having the tropical March winds.
2-U. High defeated us in the last game of the Regional.
5-Teachers institute today, so another vacation.
7-Received report cards, some satisfactory while others could be improved.
12-Senior Class today cast off their dignified composure and dressed in overhauls and sweatshirts.
13-Pep Club sponsored a party for the basketball boys. Senior girls carried out their dressing fad in wearing old faded dresses.
14-Mr. Hill put track boys through the paces of the first track practice. Seniors are working diligently on the pylon.
15-Home Ec. girls took field trip to Bloomington in which we visited many places of interest.
16-Several G.C.H.S. students attended the State Tournament at Champaign along with several teachers.
17-St. Patrick's day.
20-No reason for long faces today. First day of Spring.
21-Prairie Conference Banquet at Eureka.
23-Dance.

April

1-Everyone was on the watchout, APRIL FOOL'S DAY.
5-Home Ec. Party. We all are going to do our part for the old clothing drive.
6-Five students (Senior) had X-Rays taken at the Normal Sanatorium. We were all happy to hear that all proved to be negative.
10-Our first track meet. Gridley came in first, Chenoa second and Flanagan third.
12-After enjoying a track meet between Forrest, Lexington and Gridley we heard the knews of President Roosevelts death.

13-A Cowboy gave a performance with his dog at an assembly program followed by a memorial service given by the Seniors.
Friday the 13th will show up in the Seniors six weeks English Exam papers.
16-Normal University invited the Senior Class to visit classes at the University. We enjoyed it very much.
17-Since the lights on the track field are not yet in use the track meet with Washburn was held in the afternoon.
18-End of another six weeks. One more to go.
19-School was dismissed for a track meet with Pontiac.
20-Junior-Senior Ag. girls have proof of how much the Home Ec. boys have learned about cooking at a dinner tonight.
21-Track meet at Genaseo.
23-Mr. Benedict has the wires all up and the lights are now ready for use.
24-Track meet with Chenoa postponed. Seniors had a volley ball party.
25-School dismissed, girls chorus took part in county chorus.
26-Nomination for Track Queen.
27-Track meet at Mattoon.
28-G.A.A. play day. Our visitors were Pontiac and Lexington.

May

1-Gridley Relays. Class A-Bloomington, Pontiac, Gridley and Normal. Class B-Flanagan, Chenoa, Lexington Cullom, Colfax, Tri-City, and Forrest.
4-Juniors are very busy planning the Banquet.
5-Junior-Senior prom held in the gym. Delovan Invitational.
8-Chenoa Invitational.
9-Ottawa Freshman-Sophomore relays.
11-District Meet.
15-County Meet.
18-State Meet.
27-Baccalaureate.
28-Graduation.

Omitted from December calender

19-Gridley rolled Roanoke at Gridley 32-21.
22-School dismissed for a 2 week Christmas vacation. We got beat by Fairbury at Fairbury 29-37.
28-We beat Chenoa in our first game of the Christmas Tourney 46-35.
29-We won the Championship by defeating Forrest 74-34.